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Crawford Will

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 1, 2024
Botetourt County,Crawford

Have you used FamilySearch's experimental labs? While I haven't made any discoveries to break thru some of my brick walls, I am finding the search and transcription capabilities a great tool. After working thru several Lincoln county deeds, I'm migrating to Virginia prior to 1800.

Today's find is a Botetourt county, Virginia will for John Crawford. This 1796 record identifies the following family members:

- Wife: Margaret
- Son: James
- Son: John
- Son: Andrew
- Son: William
- Son: Samuel
- Daughter: Margaret
- Brother: William

The will contains a major clue to the age of the children: William is not yet 21. So far, I haven't found a family that matches where William was born after 1775. However, the family of John Crawford [G8ZB-R4G] seems to be a close match:

- Wife: Margert (?-1796) [G8ZB-PQ2]
- Son: James (1766-deceased) [G8Z1-SZD]
- Son: WIlliam (1771-1855) [LVSF-BCK]
- Son: Samuel (1772-1854) [LRJJ-4MX]
- Daughter: Ufus (1772-1829) [MBG1-CFB]
- Son: Andrew (deceased) {G8ZB-YMK]
- Son: John (deceased) {G8ZB-YFL]
- Daughter: Margaret (deceased) [G8ZB-Y3C]
- Brother: William (1745-1835) [GH1S-P1Z]

In addition, researchers have attached a transcription of the will as a note on the profile of John Crawford [G8ZB-R4G]. Thus, I attached the will to John Crawford and uploaded images of the will as a 'mermory'.

> Botetourt County Virginia
>
> Will Book A, 1770-1880
>
> 007644336, Item 1
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> Image 229 and 230
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> Image 229 – page 438
>
> In the name of God Amen I John Crawford of Botetourt
> County in Virginia being of sound mind and memory . tho weak
> in Body and knowing the great uncertainty of this life – -do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in
> manner following to wit . In the first place I recommend my
> soul to its great auther earnestly imploring his mercy through
> the merits of his dear Son Jesus Christ – my Body I desire to be decent
> ly Buried at the discretion of my Exr hereafter named
> And as to my worldly Estate I do dispose of it in manner following
> my will to that my loving wife Margaret Crawford have her living on my
> plantation untill it is sold and if my said Wife Should Survive the
> Sale of Said Land that She Shall then live with one of my three sons
> John Crawford William Crawford or Andrew Crawford which she shall
> Choose and the other Two to be at an equal share of Expence in mantain
> ing her during her Natural Life . And whereas my Father John Crawford
> Decd did will that the Land I and my Brother William Crawford now
> lives on should be equally divided between me and my said Brother
> William . My will is and I do hereby authorise and direct my son

James Crawford to divide the Land equally to my Said Fathers Will
And to make a Deed to my Said Brother William for his half of said Land

Image 230 – page 439
I give and bequeath to my Son Samuel Crawford Crawford my young black mare
I Give to my Son John Crawford Crawford my Bald Horse
I give to my son Andrew Crawford Crawford my Horse calld Martin
I give to my Loving wife Margaret and my Son William the Sorrel
mare between them I give my Daughter Margaret Crawford my young
roan Mare and the Cows that are calld h[ers] and her Bed and
furniture , My will further is that my old mare be sold to pay
funeral Charges my will further is that the cows calld Johns
Should be Equally divided between my three sons John Andrew
& William , I also will that the Waggon Be kept for the use
of the plantation my will further is that my Daughter
Margaret Shall be maintained by her Brothers John
Andrew & William till she Marries I also give to my said
Daughter Margaret A Saddle I give Also to my wife my
Bell cow there are three young Steers I desire should be killed
for the use of the family my sheep my wife may divide
as she pleases among my Children and the hogs for the use
of the family I also give my Negro Woman Kate to my
Wife and my Rifle give to my Son James Crawford I give
to my Son John my Family Bible my will further is
that my three youngest Sons John Andrew & William
Crawford live on my said Plantation untill William comes
to the age of Twenty One Years and then all my lands to be
Equally divided between my said sons John Crawford
Andrew Crawford & William Crawford to them their
Heirs and assigns for Ever I also will that my said sons
John Andrew & William Crawford pay to their Brother
James fifteen pounds Currant Money as soon as
they can procure it on the Land I also give to my three
Sons John Andrew & William all my farming utensils
& the balance of the Bond due from John Moore to
purchase them Saddles and I do hereby appoint my
sons James Crawford and John Crawford Exectors of this my
last will and Testament hereby revoking all other
Wills In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand

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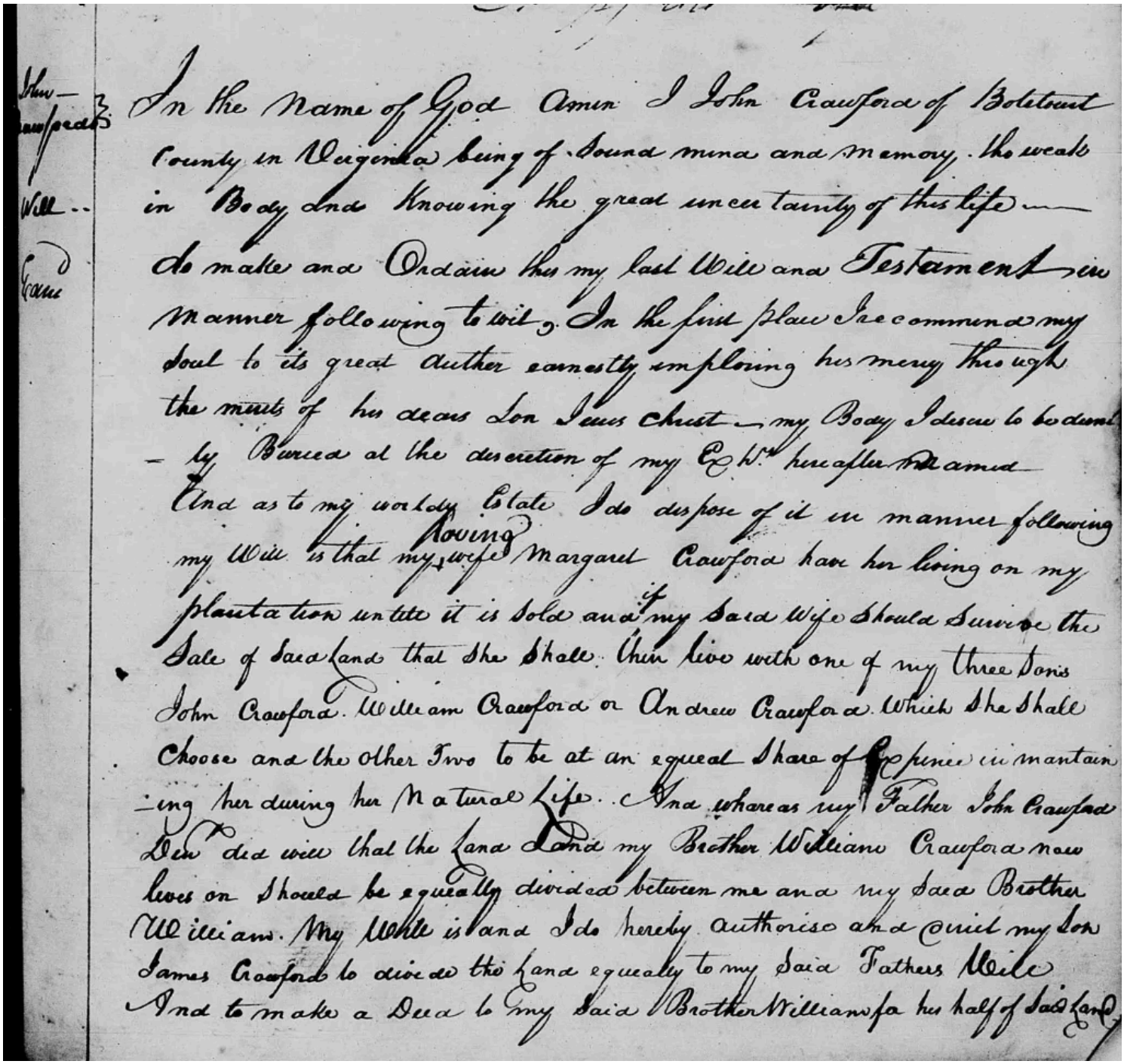
and Seal this Twenty Fourth day of September 1796
John his mark Crawford (seal)
Signed sealed and delivered }
in presence of
Edward Mitchell
Jno Eager
Robert Delbridge
John Crawford Junr
At December Botetourt Court . . 1796
This Instrument of writing purporting to be the
last will and Testament of John Crawford decd was exhibited
in Court and proved by the Oaths of John Eager and John
Crawford In Witness thereto Subscribed and thereupon ordered
to be recorded .

A copy [Test] Bowyn [ECl]



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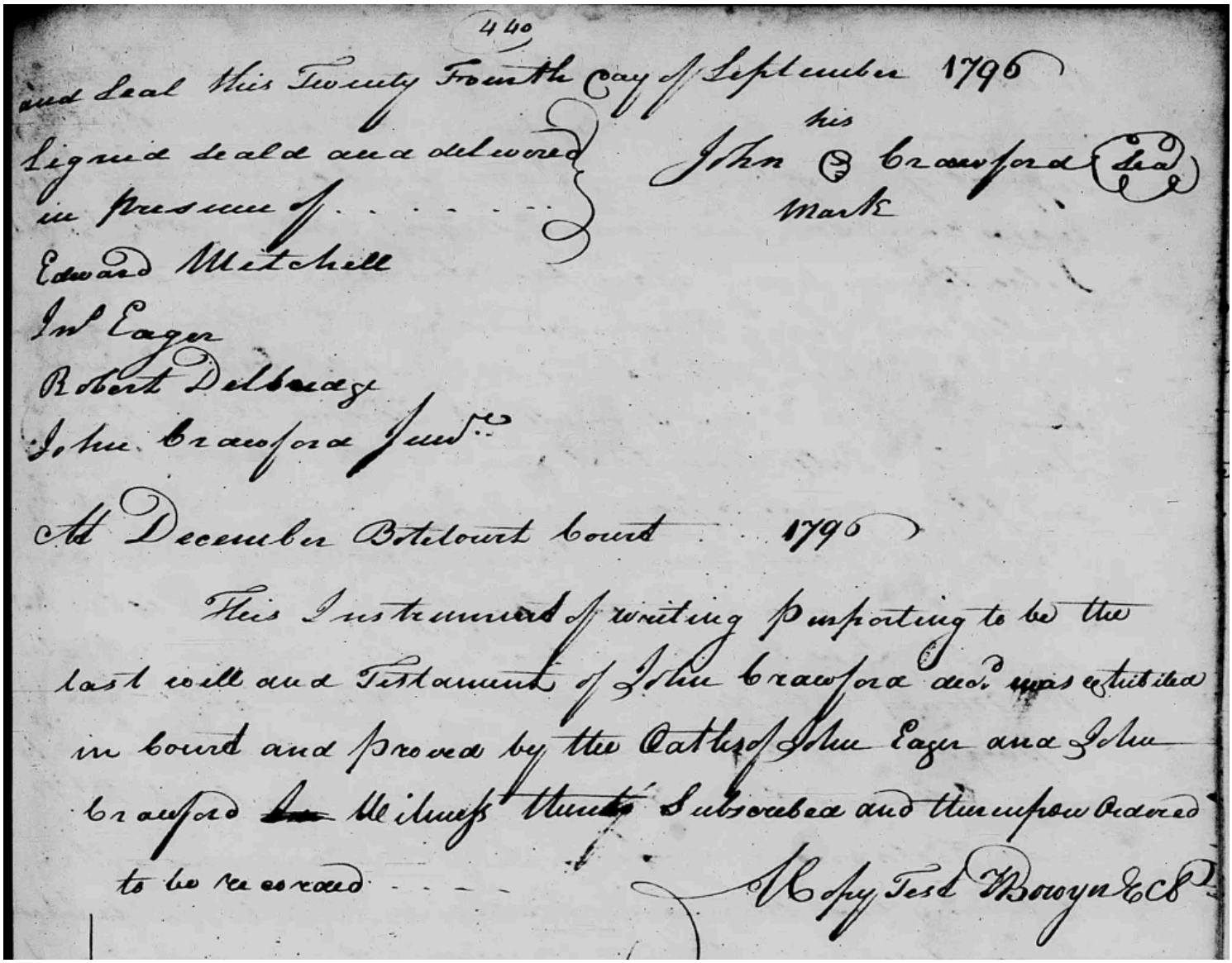

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mark

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Copy Test Wm Brown D.C.

War Memorial Update

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 2, 2024
Uncategorized

Do you ever happen upon some information that clears up a previous mystery? That was my experience as I was using local newspapers to research Raymond Woltkamp who died during World War II.

One of the articles that I found in the Sabetha Herald was an article about an Eagle Scout project. That project created the war memorial identifying war dead. That memorial is on the east side of the courthouse sign and was the source for the name, Richard Bieri. My attempt to locate information about Richard Bieri is summarized in my Negative Evidence post.

The article I located confirms that the name on the memorial should have been Harry Bieri instead of Richrd Bieri.

> **WAR MEMORIAL FOR EAGLE PROJECT**
> Troop 71 Life Boy Scout Travis Nichues from Seneca has selected for his Eagle Service Project to do a war memorial for the deceased of WW I, WW II, Korean and Vietnam Wars His list of killed in action includes World War I. Roy Anderson, David W Armstrong, Hilbert Bell, Robert B Green, Joseph M Gress, Arlington A Heald, Joe Henry, Harold Horth, Clyde Isaacson, Palmer Jones, Harry Largent, John W Levick, William N Markley, Alva H Masterson, Elmer McConnell, Everett McDaniel, Guy F McDaniel, John G Meyer, Clyde C Miller, Arthur L Mills, Delbert M Moyer, Howard Nickodemus, John Palmer, Benedict H Rettele, Frank H Root, Charles E. Schumaker, William F. Summers, Earle W Taylor, Eitel F Thieme
> World War II. Leroy Armstrong, Ralph Allen, Lewis Barrett, Bernard Becker, George Bieri, Harry Bieri, Richard Bindel, Paul Boeding, Virgil Brown, John Dailey, Robert Domer, Joseph Enneking, Roy Fund, Robert Griffith, William Guilford, Henry Hunninghake, Joseph Johnson, Galen Kellenberger, Francis Kokenge, George Kohake, Francis Long, Earl Meyer, George Moore, Cyril Nolte, Adriana Rettele, Raymond Rokey, Frank Schafer, Bernard Schultejans, Robert Shaw, Haley Sokinner, Jonas Smith, G.W Springer III, Elgin Strahm, Moses Tate, George Week, Raymond Woltkamp, George Young.
> Korean War, Joseph Becker, Patrick Reid, Vietnam War, Cecil Truman Thompson.
> If anyone should have any additions, deletions or corrections, please call Travis Niehues at 913-336-3495 or write to him, 412 North 10th, Seneca, Ks. 66538. [from Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, KS) 19 July 1989, page 4].

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Affiliate Libraries

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 3, 2024
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Do you have a FamilySearch Center near you? If not, is your local library a FamilySearch Affiliate Library?

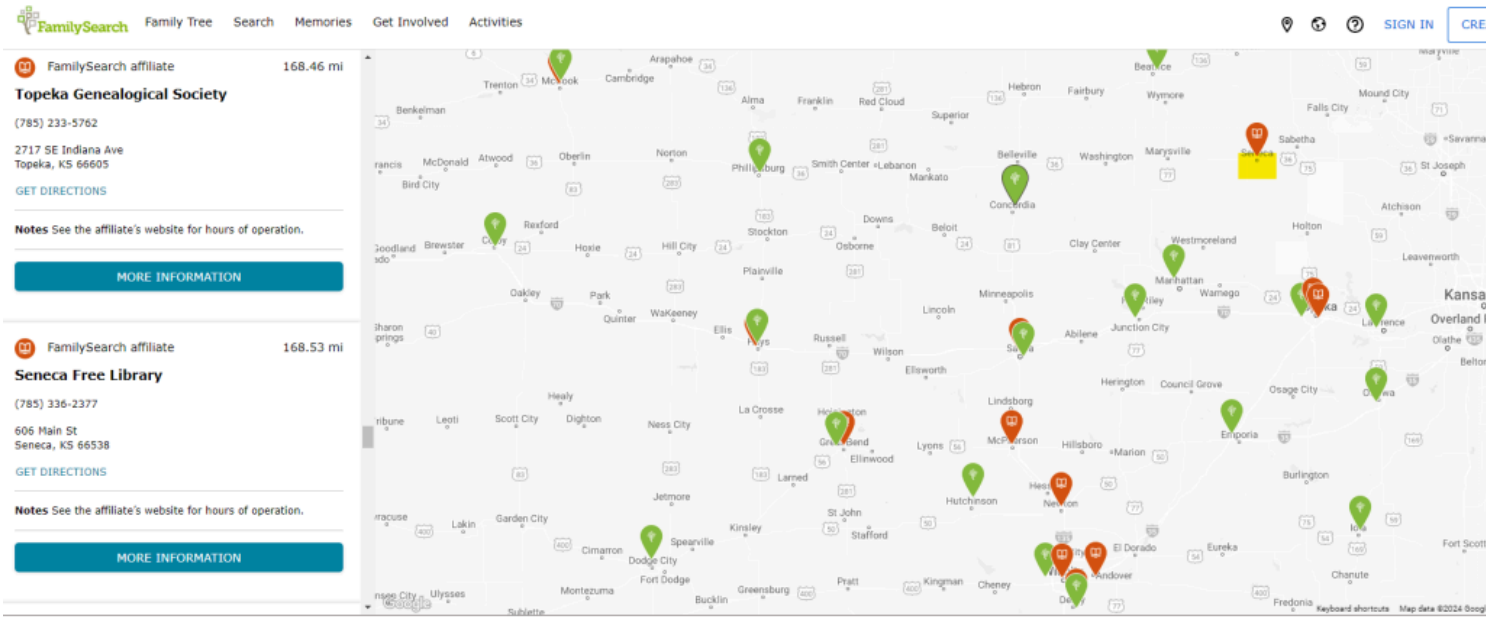
FamilySearch Centers and Affiliate Libraries provide access to those locked images. [Some of those locked records have to be viewed at a FamilySearch Center, but Affiliate Libraries provide access to many locked images.] Those locked images are why searches on the Experimental Labs site may not include all locations. For example, I noticed that states like Indiana were missing from the list of results.

Having experienced 'locked records' in the past, I was curious about whether that was causing the records to be missing from the Labs results. Thus, I traveled one whole mile to my local library, Seneca Free Library, to see what would happen when I searched the Labs for Crawford. And the results included Indiana records.

While using a library computer, I was able to obtain 13 images of Warren County Indiana deeds for Nelson G. Crawford along with the associated transcriptions.

I am so grateful that our local librarian agreed to apply to become an affiliate library. I'm sure it took a little bit of time to apply, obtain approval and configure the computers to provide links to the FamilySearch site. However, this service is greatly appreciated since I don't have to travel to access many of these resources. The site, FamilySearch Affiliate Libraries, provides more information about their services and links at the bottom of the page for libraries interested in becoming an Affiliate Library.

Below is a map of Kansas Family History Centers (green markers) and Affiliate Libraries (orange markers).



Search the locator map to see where your nearest Family History Center or Affiliate library is.

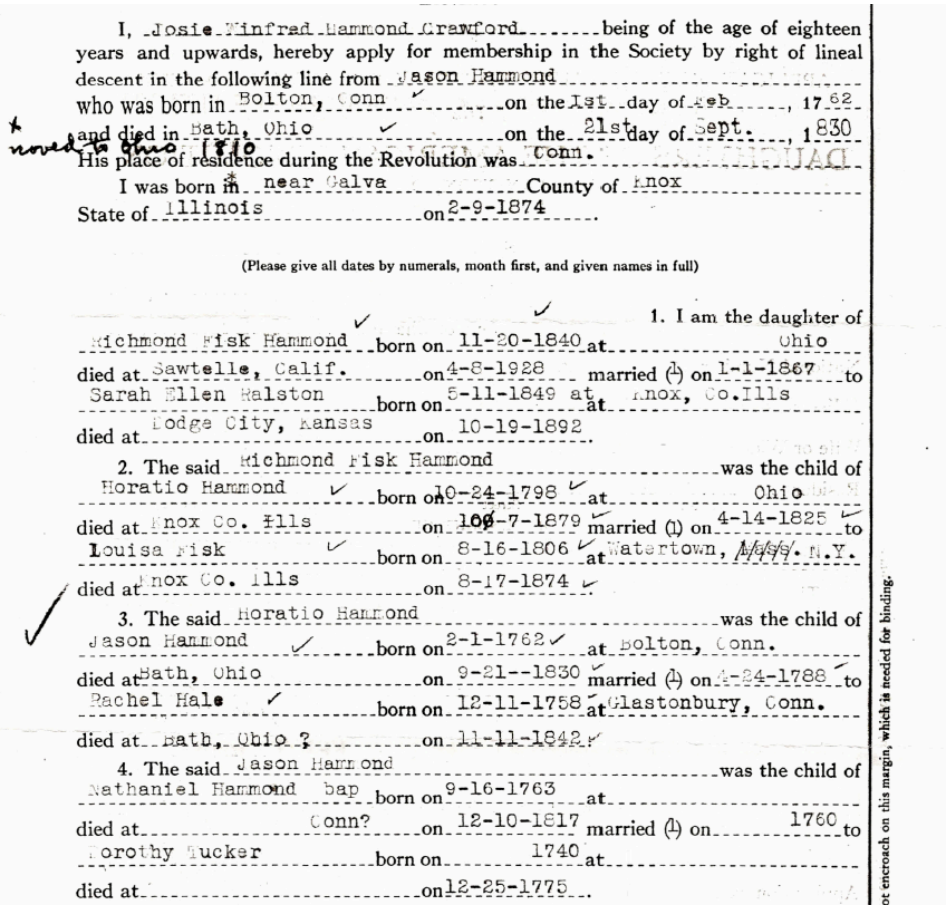
Patriots

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 4, 2024
#52ancestors,Revolutionary_War

In honor of the 4th of July, I am reposting this.

Does your tree go back to colonial times? If so, have you tried to find revolutionary war ancestors? When I first started researching my tree, I looked for a Crawford that served. Unfortunately, I still haven't been able to get my tree back far enough on my Crawford line to have a potential patriot.

Since I had a copy of my great grandmother's application to the Daughters of the American Revolution, I gave up looking for a Crawford patriot and applied using her application — and I was denied. Her application used Jason Hammond (1762-1842) as her patriot ancestor.



I, Josie Winfred Hammond Crawford being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from Jason Hammond
who was born in Bolton, Conn. on the 1st day of Feb., 1762
and died in Bath, Ohio on the 21st day of Sept., 1830
His place of residence during the Revolution was Conn.
I was born in * near Galva County of Knox
State of Illinois on 2-9-1874.

* moved to Ohio 1810

(Please give all dates by numerals, month first, and given names in full)

1. I am the daughter of
Richmond Fisk Hammond born on 11-20-1840 at Ohio
died at Sawtelle, Calif. on 4-8-1928 married (1) on 1-1-1867 to
Sarah Ellen Halston born on 5-11-1849 at Knox, Co.Ills
died at Dodge City, Kansas on 10-19-1892

2. The said Richmond Fisk Hammond was the child of
Horatio Hammond born on 10-24-1798 at Ohio
died at Knox Co. Ills on 10-7-1879 married (1) on 4-14-1825 to
Louisa Fisk born on 8-16-1806 at Watertown, Mass. N.Y.
died at Knox Co. Ills on 8-17-1874

3. The said Horatio Hammond was the child of
Jason Hammond born on 2-1-1762 at Bolton, Conn.
died at Bath, Ohio on 9-21-1830 married (1) on 4-24-1788 to
Rachel Hale born on 12-11-1758 at Glastonbury, Conn.
died at Bath, Ohio ? on 11-11-1842

4. The said Jason Hammond was the child of
Nathaniel Hammond bap born on 9-16-1763 at
died at Conn? on 12-10-1817 married (1) on 1760 to
Dorothy Bucker born on 1740 at
died at on 12-25-1775.

Do not encroach on this margin, which is needed for binding.

However, the line thru this Jason Hammond is closed. My application was modified to go thru Jason's father, Nathaniel Hammond (#A050625) who provided patriotic service for Connecticut.

After my application was approved, I quit looking at most of my other branches. Wanting to have a patriot ancestor on my mom's side of the tree, I did investigate the Buckles line.

Recently, I was curious about how many patriot lines I might have in my tree. Thus, I started researching the men in the 8th generation of my tree to see if someone with similar information was listed in the DAR ancestor file. And I found quite a few ancestors on the DAR site.

Paternal Side

- Elizur Talcott (1709-1797 #A113367 provided patriotic service and served as a Colonel for Connecticut in the 6th Regiment militia under Brigadier General Wolcott
- John Foster (1735-1800) #A041635 served as a private for Maryland under Capt. Peter Mantz
- Daniel Harris (abt 1737-1821) #A051563 served as a private for Virginia under Capt. James Kearny, Cols Thomas Hartly, Hubley
- Samuel Demarest (1707-1785) #A131555 possibly served for York County, Pennsylvania.
- Simon Van Arsdale (1746-1802) #A117118 served as a Major for Pennsylvania under Col. Andrew in the York County militia and also as a Captain under Col. McPherson and an ensign under Capt. Hugh Campbell
- Henry Banta (1718-1805) #A005785 provided patriotic service for Pennsylvania
- Harmanus Ostrander (1729-1803) #A210554 served as a private for new York in the Ulster county militia
- Ebenezer Merry (1748-1809) #A078189 served as a private for Connecticut under Lt. Seymour and Maj Newberry
- Stephen Peabody (1753-1838) #A086830 served as a sergeant for Massachusetts under Capt. Jabes West and Col. Jonathan Eddy

Maternal Side

- Benjamin Rush (1752-1819) #A100014 provided patriotic service in North Carolina by furnishing supplies in 1780
- James Buckles (1733-1797) #A016515 served as a Captain for Virginia in the Berkeley County militia
- Thomas Dawson (1760-1832) #A030832 provided patriotic service for Virginia by furnishing supplies
- Oliver Miles (1738-1820) #A078880 served as a private for Massachusetts under Lt. Ephraim Wheeler and Col Eleazor Brooks
- John Josselyn Junior (1735-1810) #A063118 served as a Captain for Massachusetts under Col. John Whetcomb at Lexington and in the 8th Worcester County Militia under Col Job Cushing. He was also a town treasurer.

- Nathaniel Wells Senior (1730-1804) #A122573 served as a private for Connecticut under Capt. James Chapman and Col. Samuel Holden Parsons
- Oliver White (1724-1789) served as a private for Massachusetts under Capt Eliakim Smith at Lexington and under Captains Smith, Moses Kellogg and Col. Jonathan Ward
- David Kennedy (1730-1792) #A064685 served as a private for Connecticut at Lexington
- Comfort Barnes (1737-1816) #A006295 was a civil servant and provided patriotic service for Massachusetts. He served on the Committee of Safety or Correspondence.

I never dreamed I had this many potential patriots in my tree! Now, I have to not only document their service but make sure I have documented my line back to them.

Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 5, 2024
Henry County Illinois,Illinois,Minnick

My Minnick folder has yielded a photocopy of a Certificate of Church Membership. I don't believe this record can be found in an online collection.

> Certificate of Church Membership
> This Certifies
> that Emaline Minnick
> having in the presence of God and the public congregtion renewed the
> solemn promise con[1]tained in her baptismal covenant, and the beliefs
> in the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as set forth in the Articles of
> our Church and expresed her willingness to be governed by its Discipline has this
> day been duly received into full connection with the
> Methodist Episcopal Church at Kewanee Station
> Illinois according to the form of Discipline
> Central Illinois Conference
> Benj Applepee, Pastor
> [Filed Kewanee] July 14 18[6]7

1. Crawford Family Papers; privately held by Marcia Philbrick, Seneca, Kansas, 2016. Emaline Minnick's Certificate of church membership. Photocopy obtained from Doris Ryan of Yates Center, Kansas. ↩

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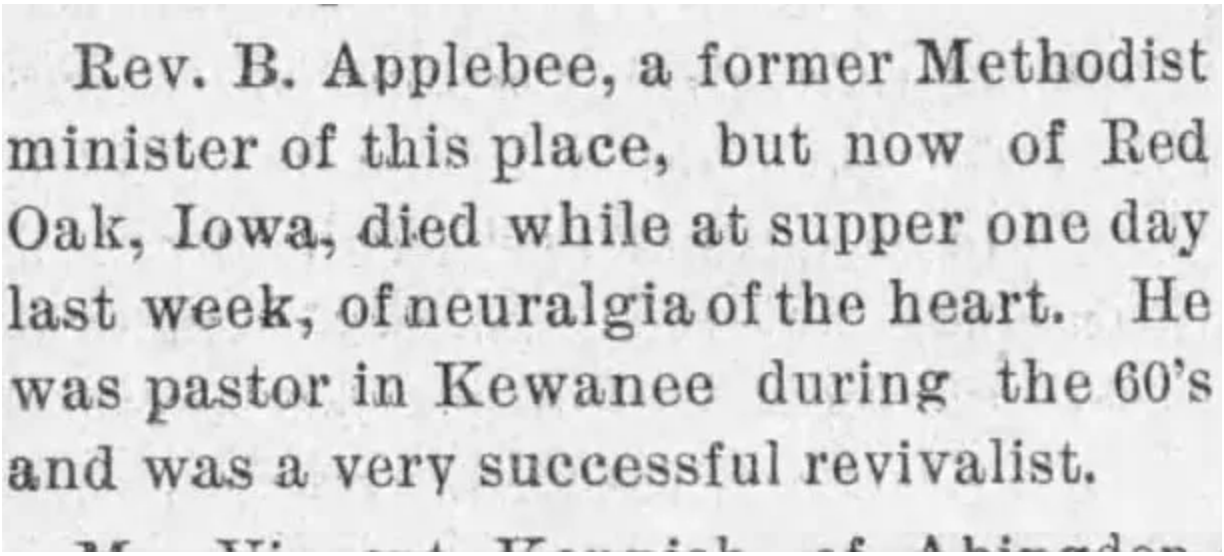
Chestnut Illinois Conference.

B. F. Applebee Pastor.

Kewanee July 14th 1867

While I failed to locate this record in any database of church memberships, I was able to locate information about the pastor. THe 12 Mar 1897 issue of the Kewanee Daily Courier contained a death notice for Rev. B. Applebee.

> Rev. B. Applebee, a former Methodist minister of this place, but now of Red Oak, Iowa, died while at supper one day last week, of neuralgia of the heart. He was pastor in Kewanee during the 60's and was a very successful revivalist. (*Kewanee Daily Courier, 12 Mar 1897, page 3*)



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Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 6, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II

News of Nemaha Countians in the Military

from page 1 of the 17 Feb 1941 issue of the Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) [Transcribed with Sider AI]

Some Shifting In Draft Quota

"End Man" May or May Not Go

Names of 14 probable draftees to fill the county's quota for Feb. 24 were printed recently. There are a few changes.
Floyd Downing, Sabetha, now at Omaha, the one man in the list on whom medical report had not been received, doesn't pass at the present time. This would require selection of another man to fill the quota of 14, but Bob Adriance, Seneca and Leonard Talley of Centralia, have volunteered, raising the list to 15. Homer Leroy Turner, Oneida, becomes "end man" of the 15 and if 14 men ahead of him go, he will not be sent until a later quota. But here is another question:
Bob Wilson, candy salesman, draftee, now of Excelsior Spring, Mo., might request to be sent from that point, which could be arranged, but in which case Nemaha county would still have to send 14 men, to be given, credit for Wilson later. That leaves the position of the end man of the list still in doubt.
The first 14 now are: Adriance, and Talley, volunteers; Vernet Harry Randel, Corning; Herman Jacob Engel, Wetmore; Gerald John Wempe, Seneca; Lloyd Frederickson, Corning; Edward John Vogel, Bern; Cyril F. Olberding, Baileyville; Wm. Joseph Flaherty, Havensville; Elmer Walter Allen, Corning; Wm. Kenneth Rucker, Wetmore; Francis John Block, Seneca; Robert Goodrich Wilson; Clarence Richard Hazlett, Onaga.
The next five men subject to call have been named as replacements, should any of the above men be rejected. They are:
Homer LeRoy Turner, Oneida; Belford J. Duryea, Seneca; John Charles Baldwin, Seneca; John Marx Christine, Sabetha and Edward Alvin Schmits, Seneca.
Another call is expected in March but state office opinion is that it will be smaller. Part of the quota may be for colored youths. In that case, Donald Davis, Sabetha, will get to go. He has volunteered and has been anxiously waiting an opening.
Later; A daily paper report states there will be a call for colored youths in March; that "Nemaha county's total will be one draftee." It appears Davis will be the quota.
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Homer LeRoy Turner, Oneida; Belford J. Duryea, Seneca; John Charles Baldwin, Seneca; John Marx Christine, Sabetha and Edward Alvin Schmits, Seneca.

Another call is expected in March but state office opinion is that it will be smaller. Part of the quota may be for colored youths. In that case, Donald Davis, Sabetha, will get to go. He has volunteered and has been anxiously waiting an opening.

Later: A daily paper report states there will be a call for colored youths in March; that Nemaha county's total will be one draftee. It appears Davis will be the quota.

There are but four colored youths registered in the entire county.

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 7, 2024
Philbrick

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Have you worked on the matrilineal line of your significant other? Who are the mothers of the mothers of your significant other?

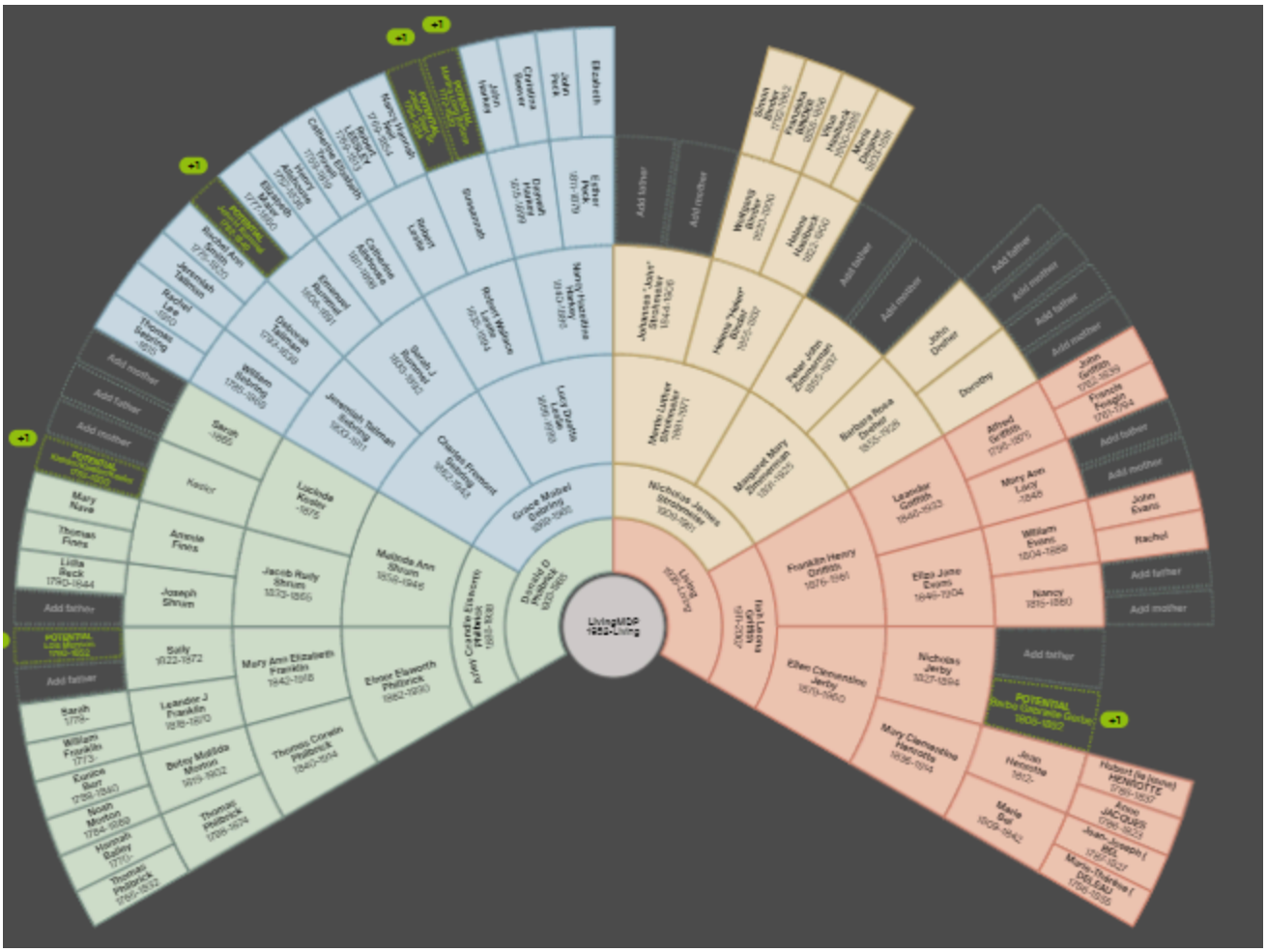
The short answer is yes.

When I started researching my family, I also started researching my husband's line. As typical for the time period, I had family notebooks with his information.

While I don't remember the exact year, my husband and I took a trip with my parents to the Grand Tetons. While we could have driven from Kansas thru Nebraska and then Wyoming to get to the Tetons, we took a 'detour' and went to Salt Lake City and then thru Idaho to get to the Tetons.

Our detour to Salt Lake included spending three days at the Family History Library. I had all of these great plans to put my husband and my parents to work researching my family. However, my husband informed me that if he was spending three days in a library, he was researching his own family! That's when he 'fired' me and took over the research.

Since retirement, he spends a lot of time not only researching but connecting with cousins. My husband has his own tree in Roots Magic and a copy on Ancestry.



My husband does a fantastic job of researching his tree! However, his strength is his ability to connect with distant cousins. He is the administrator of at least two Facebook groups: Philbrick Family and Jerby Family.

By being fired, I not only have more time for my own research, but I have a companion when traveling to archives and libraries!

Crawford Deed

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 8, 2024
Botetourt County,Crawford

In John Crawford's will, he directed his executors to partition the land giving half to John's brother, William. In the following deed, James Crawford, executor of John Crawford's estate fulfills the will by deed land to William Crawford.

Botetourt County Virginia
Deed Book 6, 1796-1799
007893749, Item 1
Image 180 and 181 of 403

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This Indenture made this eleventh day of
June in the year One thousand Seven Hundred
and ninety seven Between James Crawford of
Botetourt County State of Virginia of the one
part and William Crawford of said County
of the other part Witnesseth that whereas John
Crawford the elder in his life time purchased the
tract of Land on which the said parties now
Live on the north side of Craig's Creek which
contains Including the surplus , thereof one
Hundred & ninety acres of John Craig's said

Page 314 (Image 181)

Tract being granted to said Craig,, who conveyed
the same to said John Crawford Crawford the elder who
devised the same by his last will and Testament
to his Sons the said William Crawford Crawford & to his
son John Crawford Crawford now decd & the said John
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his Executor to divide said Land agreeable – – agreeable to the will of the said John Crawford Crawford
the elder and to confirm the title of the said
Williams, division or allotment of said Land
to him and his heirs from the Claimes of the
heirs of the said John decd – the said James
hath therefore agreeable to the last will and
Testament of his father John Crawford
Dec & in conformity to the last will
and Testament of his grand father John
Crawford the elder and by the Consent of the sd
William Crawford divided said tract of 190 acres of Land
and land of said William his division or allotment
in the following manner to wit , Beginning
at a walnut and double ash on the bank of
the Creek & running thence (the division line ,
Crossing the bottom North east fifty two poles
Passing a white Oak & hickory at the foot
of the Hill to a Stake on the out Side line

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on the side of the Hill thence with the out side
Lines North fifty two & one half degrees west ninety
eight poles to five pines & spanish oak south
seventy five west forty poles to a white Oak and
black Oak on the bank of the Creek at the mouth
of a Gulley where the old Corner stood thence down

the several courses of the creek three hundred &
thirty poles to the Beginning containing
ninety five acres of Land to have and to hold said
allotment of 95 Acres agreeable to the above bound – – ries Together with all the appurtenances thereunto
belonging to the said William Crawford Crawford & his
heirs forever and the said James Crawford Crawford for him
self & his heirs [fr] relinquishes all his & their title
and claim to said allotment of Land to the said
William and his heirs and shall and will forever
Warrant & Defend the title of the same to the said
William Crawford his heirs or assigns from the
claim or claims of themselves or the heirs of
the said John Crawford decd in Testimony
whereof the said James Crawford hath hereunto
Set his hand and seal the day and year above
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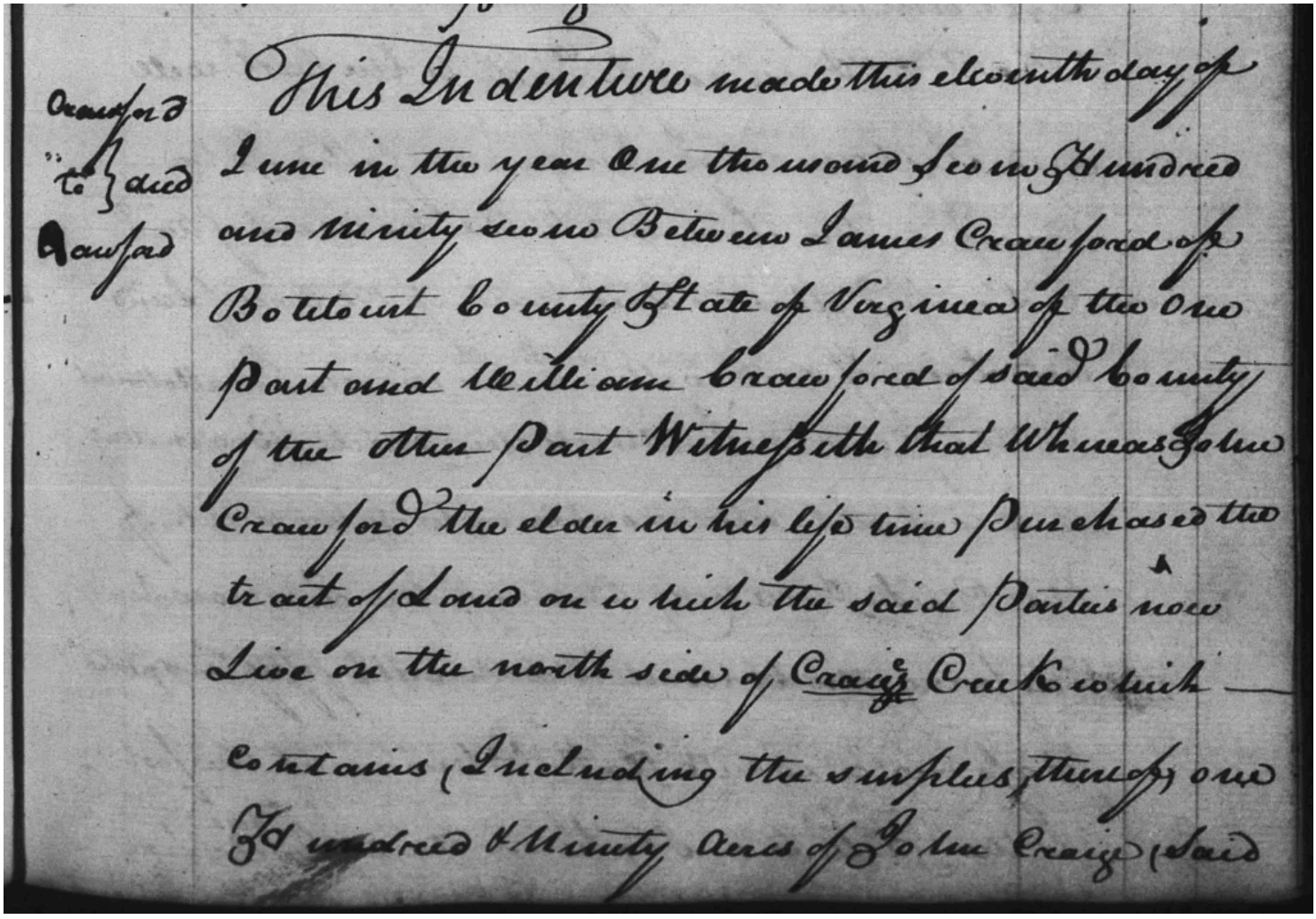
ford decd was admitted to record at Botetourt
December Court 1796 & the words thus was interlined
in the eighth line before this deed was signed
James Crawford (Seal)

page 316 (image 182)

July Botetourt Court 1797
This Indenture Bargain & Sale
was acknowledged in court by the within
mentioned James Crawford and thereupon
ordered to be Recorded
A Copy Test H. Bowyer CBC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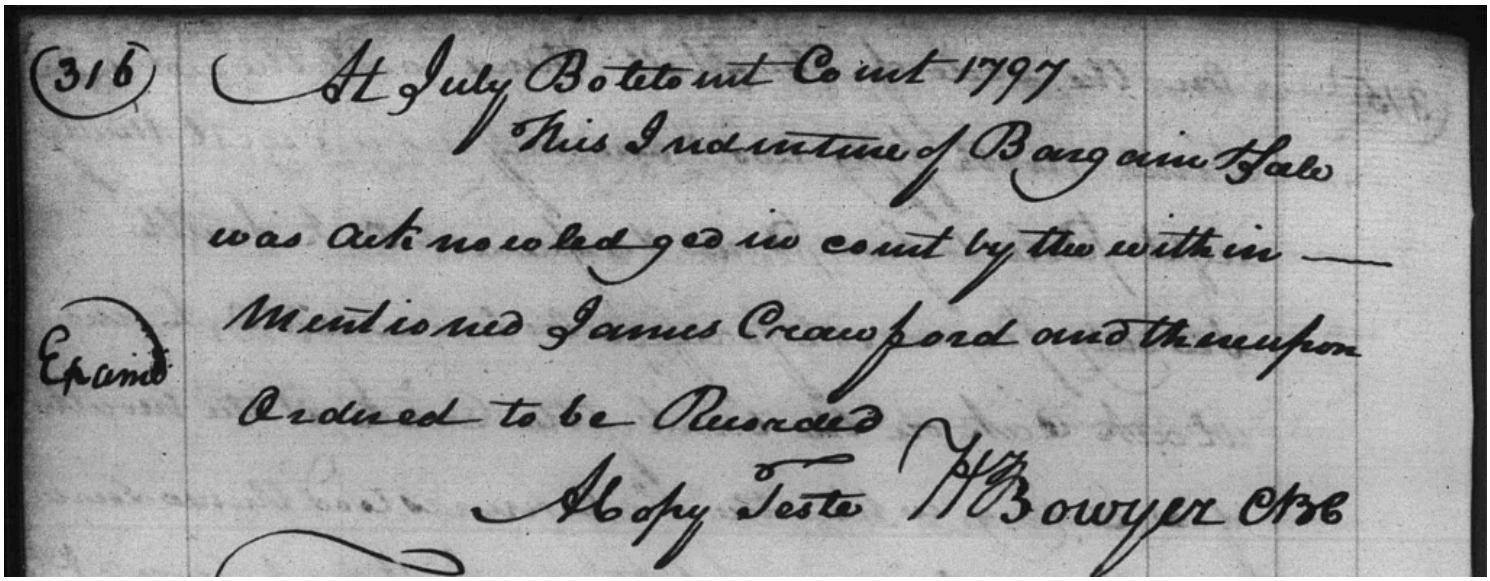

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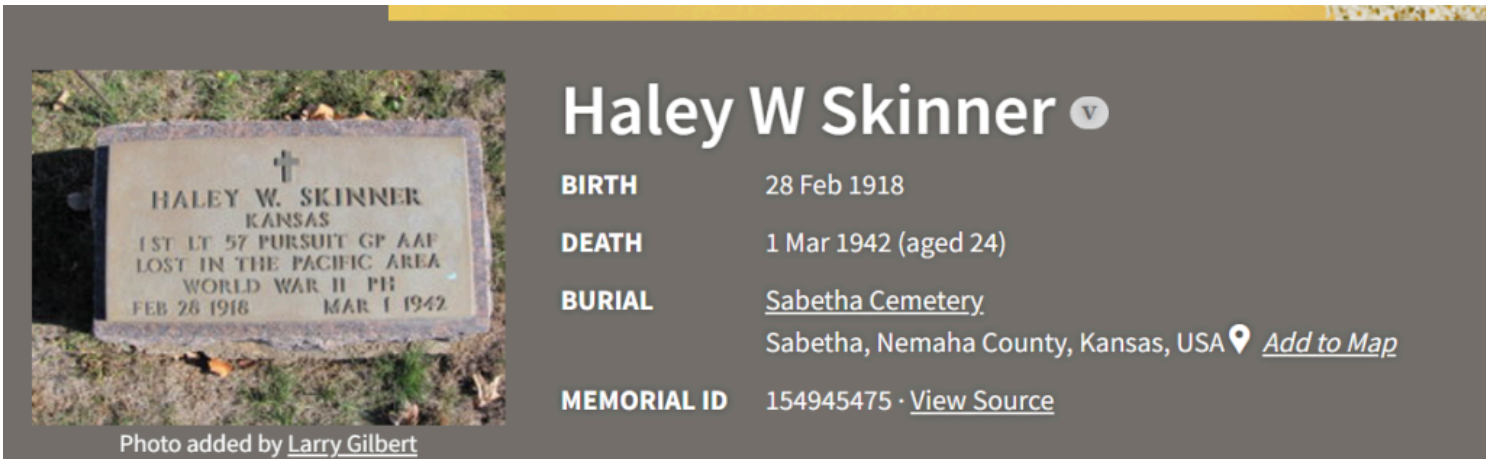
Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 9, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart

Haley W. Skinner


HALEY W. SKINNER
KANSAS
1ST LT 57 PURSUIT GP AAF
LOST IN THE PACIFIC AREA
WORLD WAR II PH
FEB 28 1918 MAR 1 1942
Photo added by Larry Gilbert
Haley W Skinner
BIRTH 28 Feb 1918
DEATH 1 Mar 1942 (aged 24)
BURIAL Sabetha Cemetery
Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA Add to Map
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Haley W. Skinner Service # 0-428537 Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Forces 13th Pursuit Squadron, 53rd Pursuit Group Entered the Service from: Kansas Awards: Purple Heart NARA War Department records list this soldiers Home of Record as Nemaha County, Kansas…Finding Of Death…Perished in the sinking of USS EDSALL (DD-219) in Indian Ocean, southwest of Java…See additional cenotaph at Find A Grave Memorial# 56763445.

Inscription
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(from Find a Grave Memorial)

Enlistment

Haley W Skinner

US, WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

Info | Connections 0 | Comments | Browse

Full Name	Haley W Skinner
Army Serial Number	17019601
Enlistment Place	Ft Leavenworth Kansas
Enlistment Date	18 Mar 1941
Army Branch	Medical Administrative Corps - For Officers only
Branch	Army
Race Or Ethnicity	White
Residence	Nemaha County, Kansas
Source Of Army Personnel	Civil Life
Army Component	Regular Army (including Officers, Nurses, Warrant Officers, and Enlisted Men)
Level Of Education	2 years of college

Is Licensed Pilot
Haley Skinner, who has been a student in the flying course of the national school in Emporia, has his license as a pilot and is ready to fly if he can get hold of a plane. He has his required hours in th air as solo flier. Haley is at home with his parents for the summer vacation. If anyone has an airplane not in use he might offer it to Haley Skinner.
Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 11 Jul 1940, page 5

> **Fly To Emporia For Visit**
> Haley Skinner and Jack Sheldon returned to Sabetha March 8 after a few days visit in Emporia. The two drove to St. Joseph from where they flew a plane to Emporia. They came back via Sabetha, landing the plane in a wheat field at the southeast edge of town. Skinner flew on to St. Joseph on Sunday. The ship, a cub trainer, belongs to a Hiawatha flying club of which Skinner and Curtis Bockenstette are both members
> *Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 17 March 1941, page 5*

Haley Skinner Leaves Const.
Mr. and Mrs. Lou Skinner received a telephone message from their son Lieut Haley Skinner Sunday evening. Lieut. Skinner was in Lost Angeles, Calif. when he called. He told his mother he was leaving the west coast by boat and would leave on the following day which was Monday. Lieut. Skinner is a pursuit plane pilot.
Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 22 Jan 1942, page 7

Sabetha Flier Is Missing
Lieut. Haley Skinner Was on Langley
Sabetha Herald
The War Department has notified Mr and Mrs. L. E. Skinner of Sabetha that their son, Haley Skinner, a lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air Corps, is missing. He was among those on the U. S. S. Langley when she was sunk south of Java on February 27 Announcement of the sinking was made in daily papers Saturday morning,

the same day the Skinners were notified. Casualties in the sinking of the Langley, which went down as a result of bombing attack, were small, according to newspaper accounts. Survivors were transferred almost immediately to tanker Pecos. However, the next day the Pecos was bombed and sunk with an estimated loss of about two-thirds of the Langley survivors and the crew of the Pecos. The telegram received by the Skinners did not indicate whether or not Haley had been transferred to the Pecos, but simply stated he was missing from the Langley

The telegram received by Skinners arrived Saturday after-noon shortly after four o'clock and read as follows: "Deeply regret to inform you that your son, Lieut. Haley William Skinner, United States Army, has been reported missing while in the service of his country aboard the U.S.S. Langley at sea. Further reports will be forwarded as received. The Adjutant General

All of Sabetha has been greatly concerned over the report. Haley is a particularly well liked boy by both older persons and those his own age. He has always been interested in aviation, and got started through a flying club at Hiawatha several years ago. Last summer he went through the rigorous air corps training course at Randolph Field, Texas. He was transferred to Selma, Ala., for final advanced training in pursuit ship work, upon –completion of which he was awarded his commission.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 9 April 1942, page 1

Sabetha

Missing

Haley Skinner

Sabetha Missing
Haley Skinner

Lieut. Haley Skinner, army air. corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Skinner, Sabetha, is reported missing from the Langley, sunk in the battle of Java. This photo was taken at the time Lieut. Skinner graduated from Randolph Field, Texas.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 13 April 1942, page 6

Sabetha
No Word Of Haley Skinner

There has been no further word of Haley Skinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Skinner of Sabetha, reported missing as an army air corps flier on board the USS. Langley, sunk south of Java. However, friends of the Skinners and of Haley, who was a lieutenant, are heartened by. such news stories as one that appeared recently of Walter Mitchell, who went down with both the Langley and the tanker Pecos, which picked up Langley survivors. Mitchell phoned his mother after the war de partment reported him missing from the Langley. The story did not tell how he phoned his mother nor how he was rescued.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 16 April 1942, page 7

Memorial Service Sunday for Lt. Haley Skinner

A memorial service for Lieut. Haley Skinner, Sabetha, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Congregational church, con-ducted by Rev. E. L. Baker. Lt. Skinner, a flier in the U. S. Army Air Corps, was reported missing following the sinking of the aircraft tender, U. S S. Langley, Feb. 27. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Skinner were notified. April4. It is assumed Lt. Skinner was aboard the Langley to be transferred to a land air base somewhere in the vicinity of Java.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 23 April 1942, page 1

Sabetha
Haley Skinner Memorial Service.

The Congregational Church was filled to capacity Sunday afternoon with friends and relatives who gathered to pay tribute to Haley Skinner, reported missing from the U. S. S. Langley disaster at sea. The church chancel was beautifully decorated with vases and baskets of flowers and potted plants.

The Masonic order, of which Haley is a member, the Eastern Star chapter, Boy Scouts, American Legion,

Kansas State Guard and American Legion Auxiliary members attended the service in a body.
The church choir and Miss Marian Spencer, organist, added to the beauty of the service with music appropriate to the occasion.
The service was conducted by: the Rev. E. L. Baker.
Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 4 May 1942, page 2

Sabetha
Langley Survivor Is Safe.
Friends of Haley Skinner, who was reported lost when the U. S. S. Langley and the tanker Pecos were lost near Java two months ago, are interested in the communication received Monday morning by M. L. Shetter, Hiawatha mechanic, that his son, a sailor on the Langley, who was reported missing and for whom memorial services were held at Hiawatha, is now safe and stationed in Australia. The sailor's commander wrote that the boy, Warren G. Shetter, would communicate with his parents at his first opportunity, and that communications with forces in the southwest Pacific are strained and difficult.
Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 7 May 1942, page 7

War Department Continues Haley Skinner As Missing
The United States War Department reported 2nd Lt. Haley Skinner, Army Air Force fighter pilot and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Skinner of Sabetha, as missing in sea action on February 27, 1942. "In the course of the past year the Skinners have received several communications from the War Department regarding their son's status. Among these was a statement that final disposal of the case would not be made until one year following the original date, of the action.
This date has passed, and Tues-day morning the Skinners received another communication from the department. It stated that since there is "no evidence warranting contrary action" that Lt. Skinner is being officially continued in the "missing" status. The letter says the case has been carefully reviewed, and that every effort has been made through the American Red Cross and the Japanese government to obtain information in such cases, but that "so far few reports have been received."
The communication says that so long as the missing status is continued, pay, allowances and allotments also remain in effect.
Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 25 March 1943, page 8

Men In The Service
Haley Skinner Presumed Dead.
Mr and Mrs Lew Skinner of Sabetha have received a communication from the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, that the case of their son, First Lieutenant William Haley Skinner, has been reviewed and a presumptive finding of death has been made as of De- cember 18, 1945 This means that for purposes of records, pay, insurance, and other official matters it is presumed that Lt. Skinner died on December 18, 1945 He was list- ed as missing on February 27, 1942.
The circumstances surrounding the absence of Lt Skinner and a group of army and navy personnel reported missing at the same time is intricate and, in many respects. unsatisfactorily incomplete. Haley became an army P-40 fighter pilot who, with his air group, was sent to Australia at the very first of the war, at the time the Japanese were making rapid conquest southward in the Pacific. This army fighter group volunteered to go to Tjilitjap, in southern Java. Half of the pilots were to fly to Java in their own fighter planes, the other half were to go aboard the aircraft tender, (formerly carrier) Langley. All of the ground crew personnel, along with equipment and P-40 fighter planes and half the pilots were aboard the Langley. The pilots flipped coins to determine which should fly, which should go on the Langley. Haley Skinner happened to be in the group that went on the Langley. The ship was unescorted but two destroyers, the Whipple and the Edsall, answered an S O. S. from the Langley when, 70 miles from her destination the Langley was attacked by air and had to be abandoned. All personnel were at first taken aboard the Edsall, but later the navy personnel were transferred to the Pecos, a navy tanker. The army ground erewomen and pilots remained on the Edsall. The next day the Pecos was sunk. Her S O.S was answered by the Whipple, but not by the Edsall. The Edsall was never again heard from directly and definitely, but Lew Skinner has received some information that appears to indicate it is possible the Edsall might have put in at Tjilitjap. There is a discrepancy in dates and verification is not certain.
The Japanese were moving southward rapidly, and Tjilitjap was overrun at this time. and the port ordered evacuated by all allied personnel. It was not possible to evacuate all, and many were known to have taken to the hills and the interior, later joining or forming guerilla bands as was done in the Philippines. It is believed possible the Edsall might have put in to Tjilitjap, disembarked its army personnel and put out to sea before being lost. There is the further chance that such men, because of scant communications and the dense interior, might have fled the coast and still be alive without connection with the outside world. These circumstances have caused the extended period of delay during which Lt. Skinner and the others in his group have been continued on the War Department's records as missing.
O D. H Bentley of Dover, Mass, is the father of one of the army fliers in the group with Haley Skinner. Bentley has kept in constant communication with next of kin of many of those listed as missing from the Langley and the Edsall, including the Lew Skinners of Sabetha. Mr Skinner last week received letter number 380 from Mr. Bentley concerning the situation. He has made exhaustive investigation of the circumstances, and Mr. Skinner

believes he may know as much or more about the situation as the War Department. In this most recent letter, dated December 26, Mr Bentley says “The War Department no doubt was advised to make a finding in regard to all the boys who have been carried in the missing status. It does not mean anything definite, one way or the other, excepting a technical settlement or adjustment of their accrued accounts, etc. I am not giving up yet.”

The Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, KS) 2 Jan 1946, page 1

The May 31, 2006 issue of the Sabetha Herald contains a feature story about Lt. Haley Skinner.

Unaccounted for Remains

Skinner, Haley W

US, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Unaccounted-for Remains, 1941-1975

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Full Name	Skinner, Haley W
Series Title	Unaccounted-for Remains, Group B, 1941-1975
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Conflict	World War II
Death Date	27 Feb 1942
Branch	United States Army Air Forces
MIA Place	Indian Ocean
MIA Place Alias	Indian Ocean
Source ID	27337
Source Record Group	Wii-01648-J
Served For	United States of America

Manilla Memorial

2LT Haley W Skinner

BIRTH 28 Feb 1918
Kansas, USA

DEATH 1 Mar 1942 (aged 24)
At Sea

MONUMENT Manila American Cemetery and Memorial
Manila, Capital District, National Capital Region, Philippines *Add to Map*

PLOT Tablets of the Missing

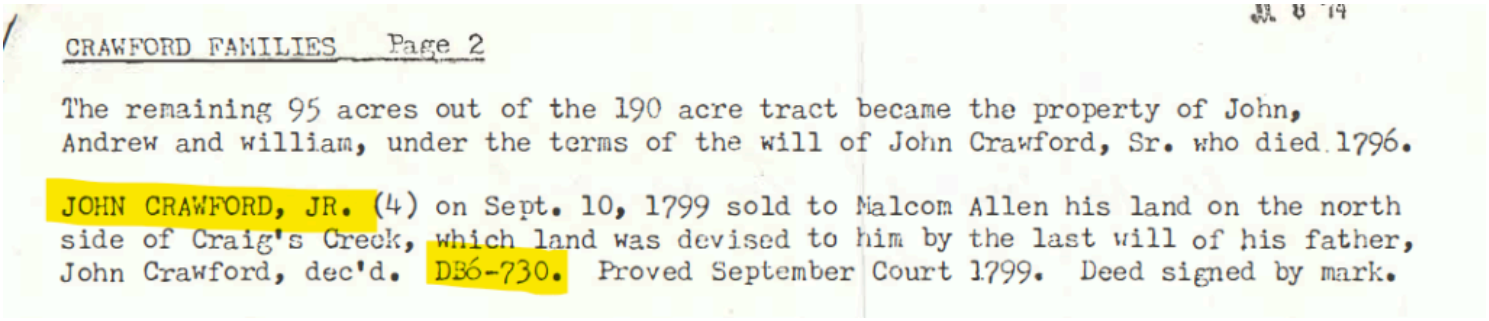
MEMORIAL ID 56763445 · View Source

1799 Crawford Deed

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 10, 2024
Botetourt County,Crawford

As I'm continuing to research the family of John Crawford, whose will was recorded in 1796 in Botetourt County, Virginia, I'm finding the deeds where his sons sold the Virginia land.

While I don't know the source of the information about the 'Crawford Families of Virginia and Overton County, Tennessee', it is providing clues to help me locate the actual records for this family.



CRAWFORD FAMILIES Page 2

The remaining 95 acres out of the 190 acre tract became the property of John, Andrew and William, under the terms of the will of John Crawford, Sr. who died 1796.

JOHN CRAWFORD, JR. (4) on Sept. 10, 1799 sold to Malcom Allen his land on the north side of Craig's Creek, which land was devised to him by the last will of his father, John Crawford, dec'd. DB6-730. Proved September Court 1799. Deed signed by mark.

Today's deed shows John Crawford (the son) selling land on Craig's Creek to Malcolm Allen in 1799.

Botetourt County Virginia
Deed Book 6, 1796-1799
007893749, Item 1

page 730 (image 396 of 403)

This Indenture Made this tenth day of Septem
ber one Thousand seven hundred and ninty nine Between
John Crawford of the County of Botetourt and State of
Virginia of the one part and Malcom Allen
of the Couty aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth
that the said John for and in consideration of the sum
of Two hundred & twenty five pounds Current money of
Virginia to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof is
hereby acknowledged hath bargained granted sold & aliened
and by these presents doth grant bargain & sell unto the said

Page 731 (image 397 of 403)

Malcom Allen one Certain tract or parcel of Land lying
and being in Botetourt County aforesaid on the North Side
of Craigs Creek which Said Land was devised to him
by the last Will and Testament of his father John
Crawford Decd and also on other Tract or parcel of land
lying and being in the County aforesaid on the Dutchman
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to wit . Beginning at two large White pine by a steep gully
and runing thence North Sixty Degrees West forty poles to
a Double Chesnut Oak Sapling , and two pines on the South
side of a Ridge , North twenty one Degrees East thirty six
poles to a Spanish Oak and Chesnut Oak on the North
side of a Steep Ridge North ten Degrees West twenty
poles to three White Oaks &a Spanish Oak North thirty
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White pine by a branch South twenty four Degrees East
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South Seventeen West ninety two poles to the Begining
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in the County aforesaid on the North side of said Creek adjoin
ing the old survey of John Crawford Decd and the land of
Josiah Crawford To have and to hold all the above granted
tract of land and premises Together with their & every of their
appurtenances unto the said Marion Allen his heirs or assigns
forever and the said John Crawford for himself his heirs
Executors or administrators the titles of said land in fee
simple and all and singular the premises from himself
and every other person whomsoever unto the said Malcom

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Allen his heirs Executors or assigns shall and will forever
Warrant and Defend by these presents in witness whereof
the said John Crawford have hereunto set his hand and
affixed his seal the day and year above Written
John his mark Crawford
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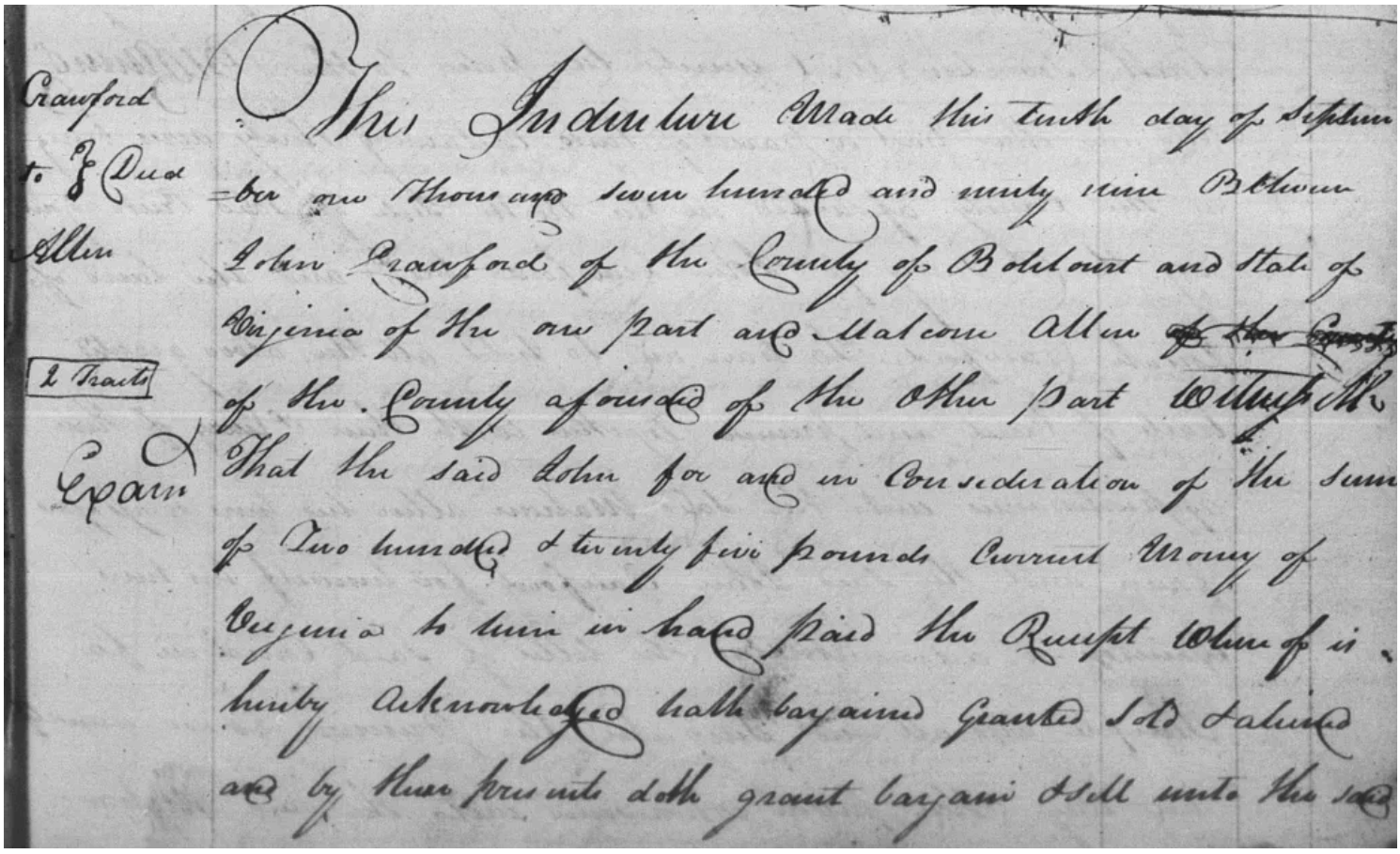
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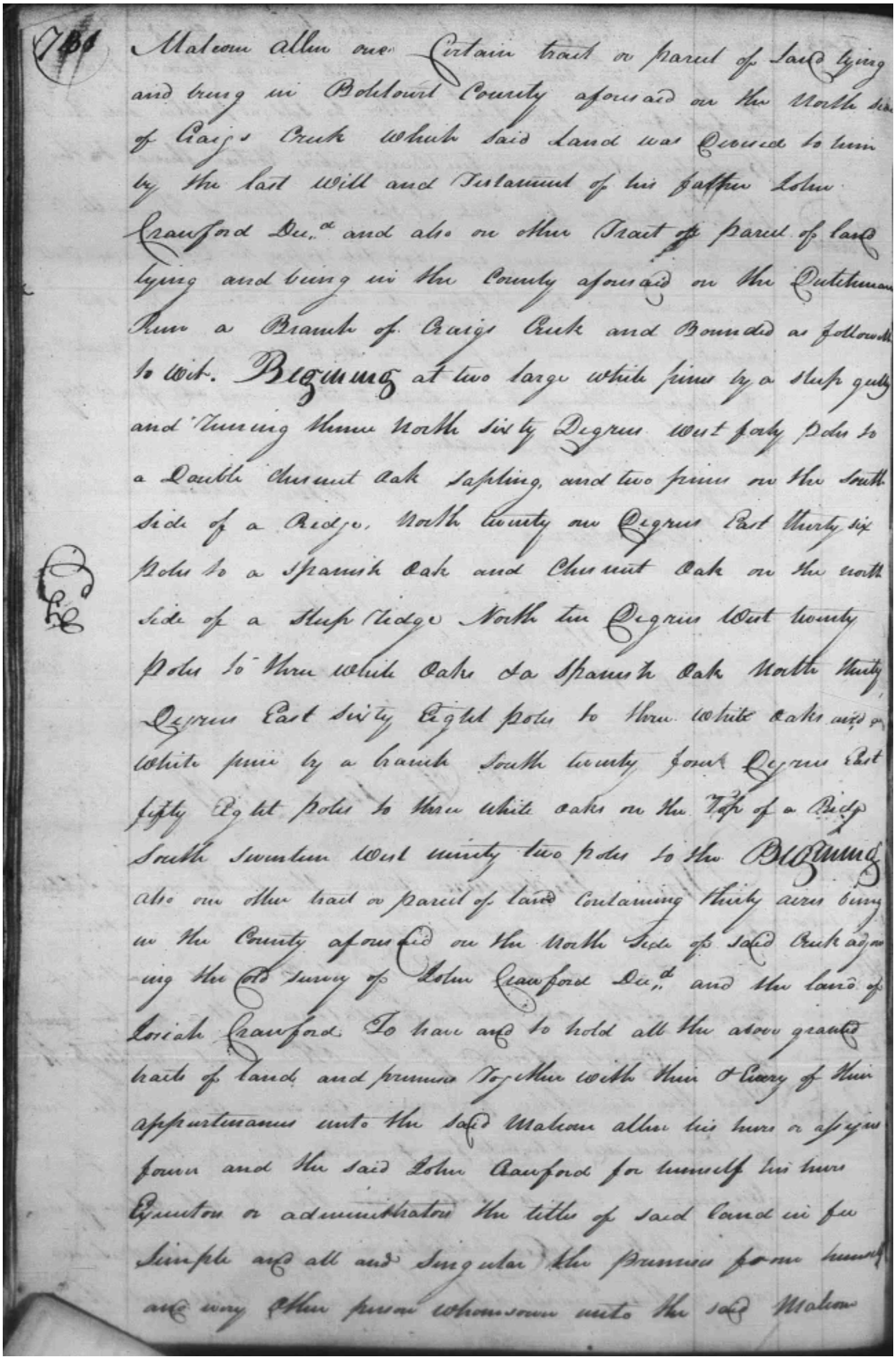
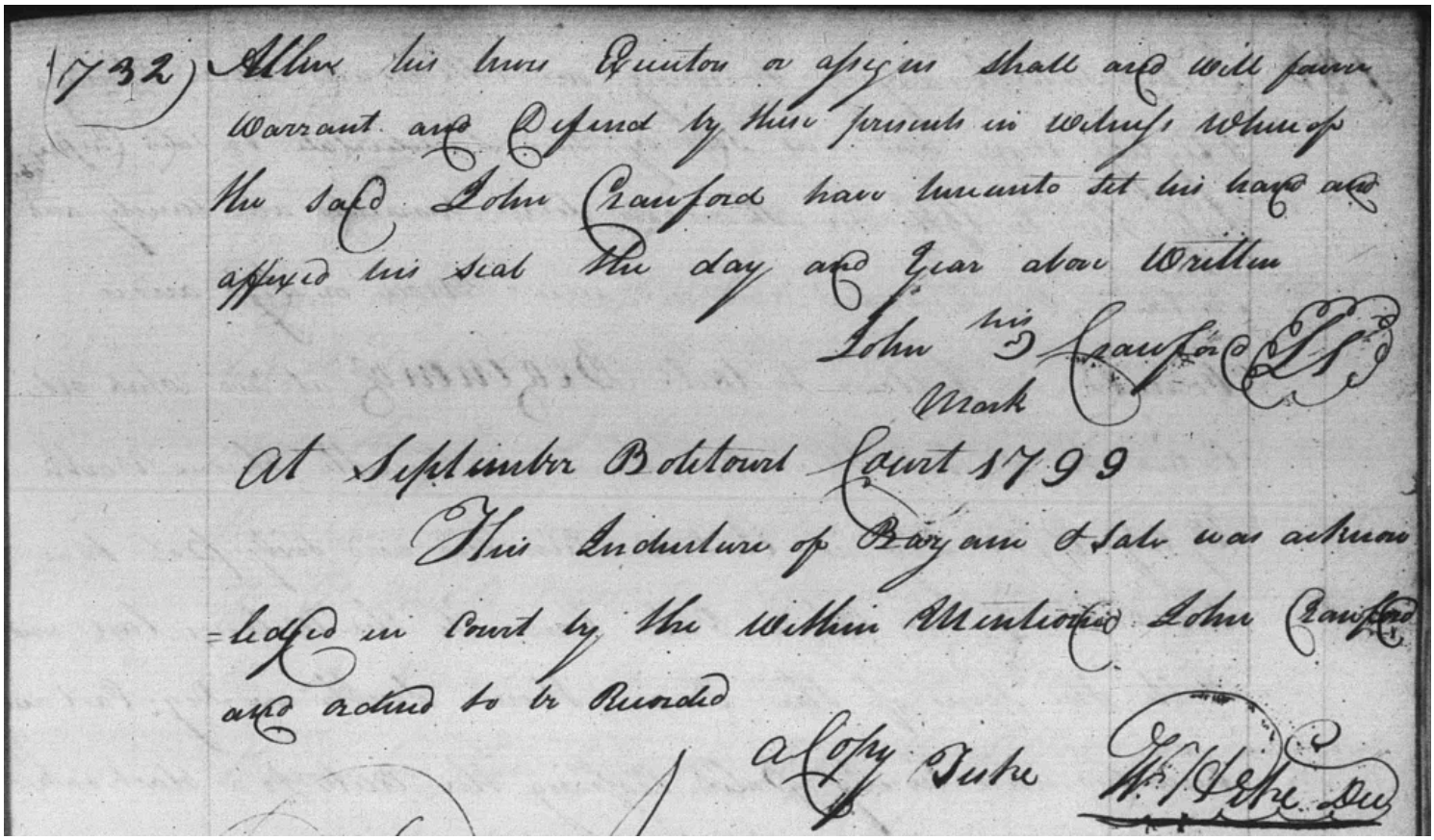
hereby acknowledged hath bargained Granted Sold Aliened
and by these presents doth grant bargain Sell unto the said



Malcom Allen one Certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Botetourt County aforesaid on the North side of Craigs Creek which said Land was Granted to him by the last Will and Testament of his Father Colon Crawford Dec.d and also one other Tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County aforesaid on the Dutchmans Run a Branch of Craigs Creek and Bounded as followeth to Wit. Beginning at two large white pines by a Stump gully and Running thence North Sixty Degrees West forty Poles to a Double Chesnut oak Sapling, and two pines on the South side of a Ridge, North twenty one Degrees East thirty six Poles to a Spanish Oak and Chesnut Oak on the north side of a Stump Ridge North ten Degrees West twenty Poles to three white Oaks & Spanish Oak North thirty Degrees East sixty Eight poles to three white oaks and a white pine by a branch South twenty four Degrees East fifty Eight poles to three white oaks on the Top of a Ridge South seventeen West ninety two poles to the Beginning Also one other tract or parcel of land containing thirty acres being in the County aforesaid on the North Side of said Creek adjoining the Old Survey of Colon Crawford Dec.d and the land of Josiah Crawford To have and to hold all the above granted tracts of land and premises Together with their & every of their appurtenances unto the said Malcom Allen his heirs & assigns forever and the said Colon Crawford for himself his heirs Executors & administrators the title of said land in fee Simple unto all and Singular the premises for him himself and every other person whomsoever unto the said Malcom



(1732) Allow his heirs Executors or assigns shall and will forever
Warrant and Defend by these presents in Witness Whereof
the said John Crawford have hereunto set his hand and
affixed his seal the day and year above Written

John his X Crawford LS
Mark

At September Bolletourt Court 1799

This Indenture of Bargain & Sale was acknow
-ledged in Court by the within Mentioned John Crawford
and ordered to be Recorded

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1807 Allen Deed

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 11, 2024
Botetourt County,Crawford

A Botetourt County Virginia will of John Crawford indicates that part of his land is to be split between three sons: John, Andrew and William. In 1799, John Crawford sells his portion to Malcolm Allen while brother, Andrew sells his portion to Thomas Allen. According to the Crawford Families papers by George Fetzer, a deed where William Crawford sells his land has not been found.

However, in 1807, a deed from Thomas Allen to Malcolm Allen indicates the land being sold is Andrew and William's portion.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD (4) apparently signed a deed to his interest in the land, but the deed can not be found of record. Perhaps he was under 21 years of age, and the court would not approve the deed for recording. The following deed will clear this point for our purpose: Thomas Allen and wife, Polly, on Oct. 20, 1807, sold to Malcom Allen a tract of land which was conveyed to Thomas Allen from Andrew and William Crawford, heirs of John Crawford, dec'd on the north bank of Craig's Creek, adjoining the land of William Crawford. DB?, Page 384.

Botetourt County Virginia
Deed Book 9, 1805-1809
007837426, Item 2
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This Indenture made the 20th day of October in the year of our
Lord 1807 between Thomas Allen & Polly his wife of the County of Tazewell
& State of Virginia of the one part , and Malcom Allen of the County of
Botetourt & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for & in con
sideration of the sum of five hundred pounds Current Money of the
State to the said Thomas Allen in hand paid the receipt whereof is
hereby acknowledged , Hath bargained granted sold & aliened
by these presents doth grant bargain sell alien & confirm unto
the said Malcom Allen all that tract & parcell of land which was
conveyd unto the said Thomas Allen from Andrew & William Craw
ford heirs of John Crawford Deceasd To wit Including all the
lands the said Thomas Allen Occupied & Claimed of the tract for
merly belonging to John Crawford Deceasd lying & being in the
County of Botetourt on the north bank of Craigs Creek adjoining
Land to William Crawd . To have & to hold the said granted land &
premises together with their & every of their appertainences unto
the said Malcom Allen his heirs & assignes forever And the said
Thomas Allen & Polley his wife for themselves their heirs & [execu]
tors or adminr The Title of the said Lands in fee simple and all
& singular the premises together with their & every of their apper
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unto the said Malcom Allen his heirs Executor administrators
& assigns shall & will warrant & forever Defend by these presents
In Witness whereof the said Thomas Allen & Polley his wife hath
hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals the day & year above
written
Thomas Allen (seal)
Polly Allen (Seal
Signed & Acknowledged in the
presents of us –
Thos Smoot
James Weirs See Page 318 for wife Ackd
James Hambrick
At Botetourt December Court 1807

this Deed of Bargain & sale was Exhibited in Court & proven
by the Oath of Thomas Smoot James Weirs & James Weir & James Ham
brick Witnesses thereto subscribed & is ordered to be re
A Copy teste Bowyer DC

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to
Allen

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Signed & Acknowledged in the presents of us —

Thomas Allen (Seal)
Polly Allen (Seal)

Thos. Smoot
James Weir
James Hambrick

See page 385 for wifes ackt

At Botetourt December Court 1807

This Deed of bargain & sale was exhibited in Court & proven by the Oath of Thomas Smoot James Weir & James Hambrick Witnesses thereto subscribed & is ordered to be Recorded

Copy teste P. Bowyer DC

Friday Finds

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 12, 2024
Duggins

From my DUGGINS folder

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Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 13, 2024
Nemaha County

News of Nemaha Countians in the Military

from page 1 of the 17 Feb 1941 issue of the Courier Tribune of Seneca, Kansas [Transcribed by Sider AI]

Hear The Call To Defense
Balie Keith, Charles Allen Summoned
The call to national defense and to national defense industry can be expected to draw into' service more and more of the home town boys in whom we are all interested.
For example, there is Balie Keith, expert machinist, who never lived anywhere else but Seneca, now with the Spartan Aircraft Co., near Tulsa. Balie went to Tulsa a week ago yesterday to look over the prospects of private employment with the Spartan people who have government contracts. There was some question about physical fitness but Mrs. Keith received a note Thursday saying her husband is at work.
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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 14, 2024
Uncategorized

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Do you watch YouTube videos on a regular basis? What are your favorite YouTube channels for genealogy research?

While I do watch YouTube videos, I don't watch genealogy related ones on a regular basis. Instead, I watch them when I'm trying to learn a new skill or learn about available resources. Thus, I'm 'searching' for videos versus tuning in.

However, there is one 'video' that I try to watch live: Mondays with Myrt.

I find this panel discussion to be a fantastic way to keep abreast of new tools and procedures. I'm very thankful that 'Dear Myrtle' came out of retirement to bring back this resource.

At times, I watch videos by GenealogyTV or Your DNA Guide. However, I'm not a regular viewer.

Instead of videos, I tend to use blog posts and Facebook groups to stay abreast of genealogy happenings. Each morning, I open Feedly and read a variety of blog posts, sharing some of them on Twitter/X.

I guess I'm just 'old school' in that I prefer to read vs watch when it comes to learning.

1799 Anderson Crawford Deed

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 15, 2024
Botetourt County,Crawford

Thanks to FamilySearch's experimental labs and a 'Crawford Families' document from an unknown source, I'm tracking down deeds in Botetourt County, Virginia. Today's deed is for the 1799 sale of land that Andrew Crawford inherited from John Crawford to Thomas Allen.

ANDREW CRAWFORD (4) on April 9, 1799 sold to Thomas Allen one-third part of land owned by Andrew by virtue of the last will of John Crawford, dec'd, being 93 acres of an old grant formerly occupied by John Crawford, dec'd, adjoining the land of William Crawford. Signed by Andrew. Proved April Court 1799. DB6-662.

Botetourt County Virginia
Deed Book 6, 1796-1799
007893749, Item 1

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This Indenture Made the this ninth day of
April in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and
ninety Nine Between Andrew Crawford Crawford of Botetourt County
and State of Vagina of the one part and Thomas Allen of the

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County and State aforesaid of the Other part Witnesseth That the
said Andrew Crawford for and in Consideration of the sum of one hund
dred and Sixty five pounds Current money of Virginia to him paid
in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath Bargained
granted sold and aliened , and by these presents doth grant bargain
and sell unto the said Thomas Allen The one third part of Certain
Tracts or parcels of Land Lying and being in Botetourt County aforesaid
Owned by Said Andrew , by virtue of the Last Will and Testament of John
Crawford Decd to wit the one Third of ninety three Acres of an old
grant formerly Occupied by said John Crawford Decd Lying and
being on Craigs Creek adjoining the Lands of William Crawford and
being on the North Side of said Creek and also the one third part of
two entries made by said John Crawford Decd Containing [sixty]
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acres adjoining the aforesaid granted Lands and the Land of Josiah
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the said granted lands and together with their & every of their appur
tenances unto the said Thomas Allen his heirs or assigns forever and the
said Andrew Crawford Crawford for himself his heirs Executors or administrators
the title of said Land in fee Simple and all and singular the premises
together with their & every of their appurtenances from himself and
every other person whomsoever unto the said Thomas Allen his heirs
Executor administrators or assigns Shall and will Warrant and forever
Defend by these presents In Witness whereof the said Andrew
Crawford hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day

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And Year above Written – Andrew Crawford (seal)
At April Boutetourt Court 1799
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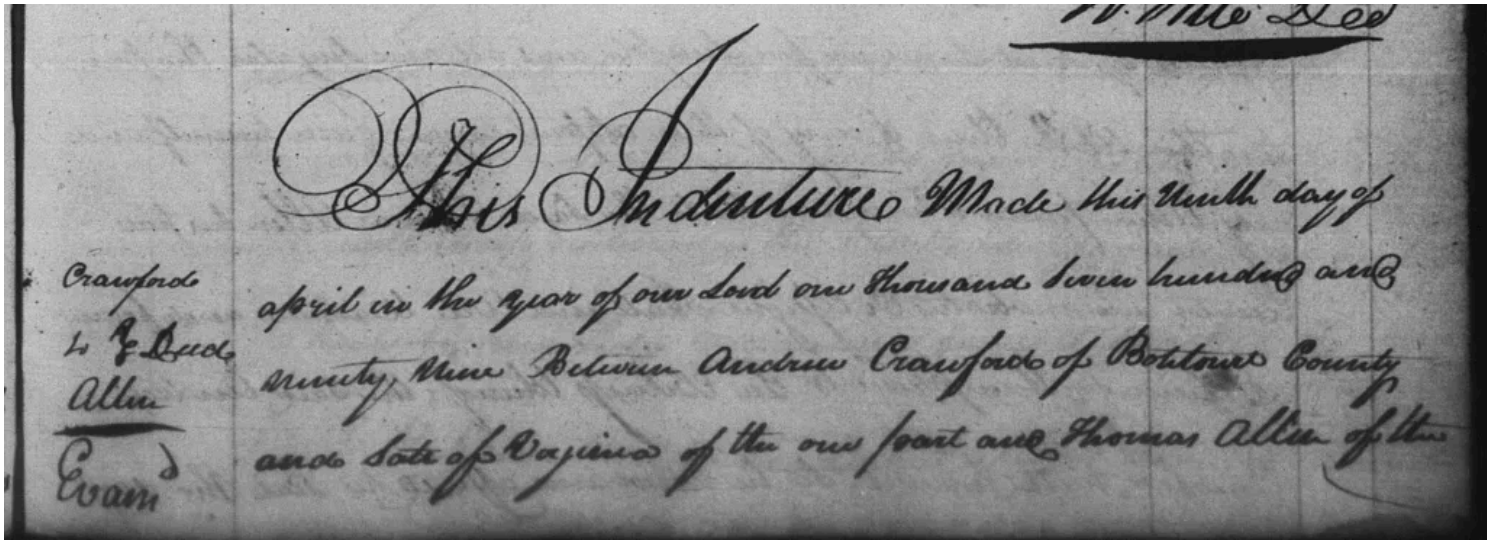

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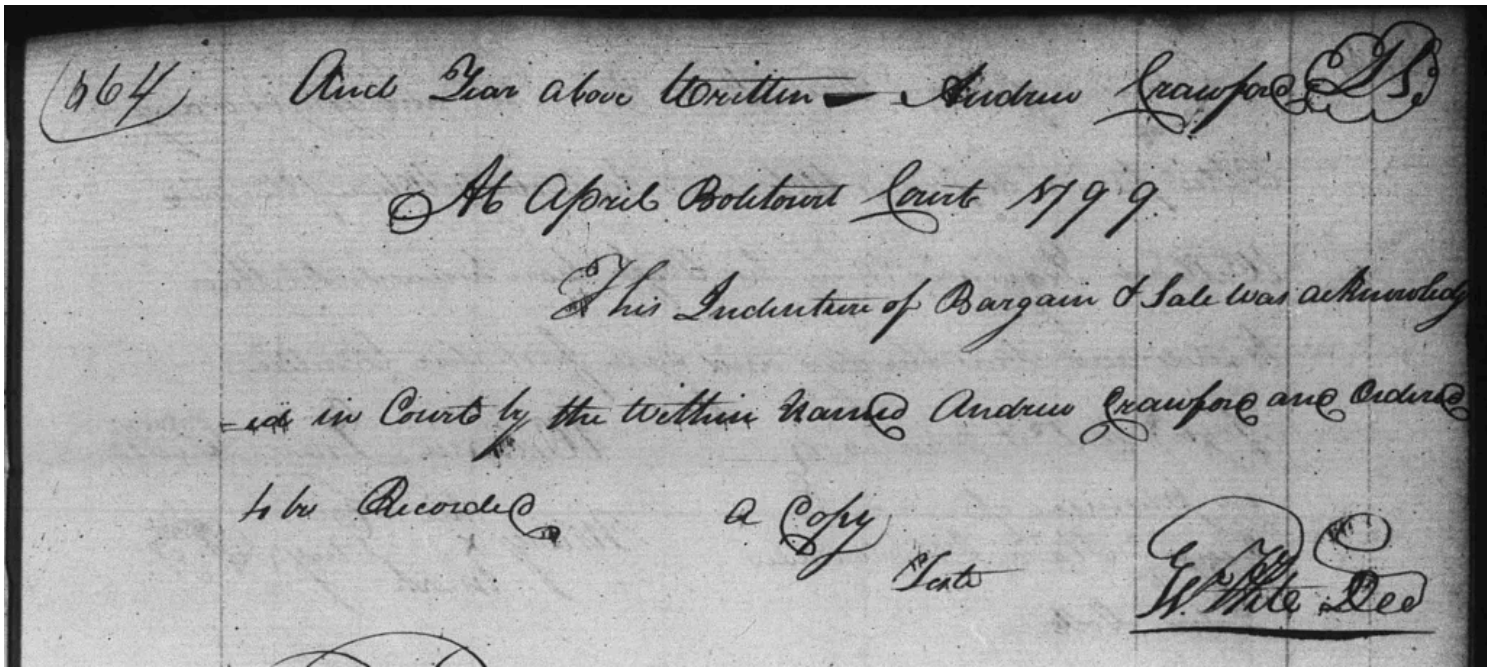

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Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 16, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart,World War II

Earl Meyer

Local and General News

Earl Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer is emplyed by the McGinty Motor Company.
Sabetha Herald, 8 Oct 1941, page 9

Defense School Starts With Enrollment of 12

Sabetha Superintendent of schools W. O. Stark announces that the Defense School got underway Monday evening for the opening session under the direction of Earl Willard of Morrill. The school will meet five nights each week and this session will be held in the Lonnie Fletchall workshop building owned by Norman Morgan just north of the Methodist church. Willard will instruct 12 pupils during this session in the art of motor mechanics, fender welding and other details of machine shop work. The twelve enrollees for this term are Gayle Snyder, Leonard Strahm, Earl J Meyer, James Wilson, Jr. Donald Williams and Wilbur Kyle of Sabetha: Ivan Wissler, Donald Elliott (husband of the former Thelma Williams), Robert Schmiedeler (son of the clerk of the district court), and Al Buser of Seneca; Marvin Hartman of Bern and Charles Dores of Morrill.
In addition to the equipment provided by Uncle Sam for last year's defense school, $1.000 worth of tools has been bought and delivered for use by this new crop of students. The new purchases include a valve grinder, acetylene torch, grinding wheel and other important items

Sabetha Herald, 29 Oct 1941, page 1

Berwick Center
Mr. and Mrs. Luis Meyer entertained Sunday evening in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Belmer Myer and for Earl Meyer who will soon be inducted in the army.

Sabetha Herald, 11 Mar 1942, page 11

Berwick
Earl Meyer and Lawrence Miller went to Seneca Sunday where they joined those being inducted into the army from Nemaha county.
Sabetha Herald, 1 April 1942, page 3

Service Men's Addresses
Pfc. early Meyer 538 Inf Co E. 90th Div. Camp Barkley, Tex.

Sabetha Herald, 22 Jul 1942, page 1

Berwick
Earl Meyer is home from Ft. Barkley, Texas, on a two weeks furlough.

Sabetha Herald, 18 Nov 1942, page 7

Sgt. Earl Meyer-Home.
Sgt Earl J Meyer, son of Mr and Mrs Louis Meyer of the Ber- wick neighborhood, has been home from Camp Barkeley, Texas, on a ten day furlough. He returned to Barkeley the first of this week. He has been stationed at his camp ever since last summer (perhaps longer) except for the last-tine he was on maneuvers in Louisiana last winter. He has seen several Sabetha

soldiers while at Barkelely, and saw Cpl. Joe Wicki only a few weeks ago. Sgt. Meyer was a welcome visitor at The Herald office while he was home, and the editor was most unhappy to have missed visiting with him

Sabetha Herald, 16 Jun 1943, page 1

Berwick
Sgt. Earl Meyer is at home on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer.

Sabetha Herald, 12 Jan 1944, page 7

Staff Sergeant Earl Meyer left for Fort Dix, N J. Monday after having spent a furlough at home. He was informed of his promotion from buck to staff sergeant just before he left his station, so didn't have his new stripes to wear home. He is guide of an infantry rifle platoon. His company has been stationed at Dix only a short time and is receiving new equipment and having a rest period. His outfit is equipped with M-1 rifles, and recently completed an intensive training period. "We're all anxious to get our jobs done well so we may return to normal conditions again," he said.

Sabetha Herald, 19 Jan 1944, page 8

Injured in France
In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer, Staff Sgt. Early Meyer writes from England: "Have just been released form the hospital. Met with a little accident in France and was returned to a hospital in England. Am ready to go back again. Feeling fine."

Sabetha Herald, 5 Jul 1944, page 1

Men In The Service
S-Sgt. Earl Meyer Killed In France
S-Sgt. Earl Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis-Meyer, was killed in action in France July 23, according to a telegram received by his parents from the War Department Monday.
The telegram gave no details of the death, but stated that a letter would follow. Meyer was wounded in France June 11, but apparently he had recovered and was back in action at the time of his death July 23. He entered the army in December, 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas. He was on maneuvers in Louisiana in the first part of 1943 and returned to Camp Barkeley in April. 1943. Then he trained with his infantry outfit in California before going to Fort Dix, N. J. in January, 1944. From Fort Dix he went over- seas the latter part of January or the first part of February.

Sabetha Herald, 23 Aug 1944, page 1

Men In The Service
Memorial for Sgt Earl Meyer.
A memorial service for Sgt. Earl Meyer, son of Mr and Mrs Louis Meyer, who lost his life in battle in France on July 23, will be held at the Apostolic Christian Church northwest of Sabetha on Sunday, October 22 at 1:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend this service and pay tribute to the memory of one who gave his life for his country. Earl was an exemplary young man. He was reared on the home farm near Berwick and lived there until called into service.

Sabetha Herald, 18 Oct 1944, page 1

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Courier Tribune, 2 Nov 1944, page 6

Remains of Sgt. Earl Meyer En Route Here For Burial
The remains of Staff Sergeant Earl J. Meyer, who was killed in action in France July 23, 1944, are en route to this country, according to a telegram received this week from the quartermaster depot in Kansas City by Sergeant Meyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer. When they reach the distribution center they will be brought to Reinhart Funeral Home, designated by the family, accompanied by military escort The family does not plan to request military services at the funeral.
Sergeant Meyer was born on his parents' farm near Berwick July 4, 1919 He attended the neighborhood school and assisted

on the farm until he was called into service and sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas, March 29, 1942, to receive his training. He remained there until April, 1943, when his group was moved to Shreveport, La. From there he was sent to California for desert maneuvers. In January, 1944, he was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, and April 1 was sent overseas. He was wounded in action in France June 11, 1944, but was back in service July 17. On July 23, he was killed in action.
Soon after his induction Earl was made a corporal, then in January 1943 was made sergeant, and less than a year later was promoted to staff sergeant.
Sabetha Herald, 31 Mar 1948, page 1

Body of S-Sgt. Earl Meyer Reaches Port at New York
Kansas City, Mo. April 5.-Accompanied by appropriate military escort, the body of the late Staff Sergeant Earl J. Meyer which arrived April 3 at the port of New York aboard the United States Army Transport John L. McCarley, will be forwarded through the American Graves Registration Distribution Center here to Sabetha, Kan. for final interment. Louis Meyer, 216 Main Street, Sabetha, father of Earl has been informed.
The McCarley, which sailed from Cherbourg, carried bodies of 2,619 Americans returned at request of next of kin from the D-Day military cemeteries at Saint-Laurent-sur-Mar, Blosville and LaCambe, Normandy.
A period of two weeks is expected to elapse after arrival of the transport before remains are started from the Kansas City Center to the final destination. Forwarding of bodies will continue from that time over a period of six weeks. Before remains leave the Center for final destinations next of kin will be notified in time to make final plans for services
Military escorts accompanying bodies from the Center to final destinations are from the same branch of service as the deceased and of comparable rank or grade.

Sabetha Herald, 7 Apr 1948, page 1

Services for Earl Meyer Will Be Held Saturday
Graveside funeral services for S-Sgt Earl J Meyer, who was killed in action in France July 23, 1944, will be held in the Sabetha cemetery Saturday morning at 10 00 o'clock. The remains will reach Hiawatha at 4 14 Friday afternoon, accompanied by military escort, and will be brought by the Reinhart Funeral coach to the Reinhart funeral home, where they will lie in state Friday night. There will be no services at the funeral home. The coach will be escorted to the cemetery Saturday morning by members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and after the brief graveside services taps will be sounded.
In accordance with custom, business houses in Sabetha will remain closed from 9 30 to 10 30 Saturday morning in tribute to Sergeant Meyer

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Killed in Action in WWII
Earl Meyer (1919-1944)

Compiled by Patty Locher
Sabetha Herald Staff

Staff Sergeant Earl Meyer, son of Louis Sr. and Sarah Hartter Meyer of rural Sabetha, participated in the invasion of Europe in June 1944.
On June 11, he was wounded while unloading equipment and, after recuperating, he was again sent into action on July 17. Six days later, on July 23, 1944, he was killed in battle near Gonfreville, France, one of more than 291,000 American service members who died as a result of combat action during World War II.
Meyer was born at the farm home of his parents near Berwick on July 4, 1919. He attended Berwick Centre School and assisted his dad on the farm.
His siblings provided the following memories of his growing up years.
Earl was small for his age when he was young. He grew up to be 5'6″ and had darker hair than anyone else in the family. Grandma Hartter called him "Klem Suhs Herzly" (little sweetheart).
In school he was called "Little Earl," because he was small and there was another Earl in school who was taller and older.
Our cistern of rainwater was under the wash house the milk separator was also in this building. There was a little door on the floor over the cistern. One day Earl was walking across this door carrying a bucket with a little milk in it, the corner of the door went down, Earl's feet went down with it.
He caught himself just in time. This door was fixed as soon as possible so this wouldn't happen again.
In the fall when dad had lots of book work and adding to do, he would gather the boys around the table with paper and pencil. He gave them figures, they would add them, subtract or whatever, if they all got the same answer he took that for the correct answer. If someone got a different answer they had to do it over. I think he worked it too. Dad was good in math himself, but this was good training for the boys and something to do.
The boys all made birdhouses at different times, some as school projects. One that Earl made was a miniature Berwick

Centre School.
It was put on a post by the rock flower garden and was there for many years.
Earl was usually quiet and conservative, thought things out for himself, and believed in giving his best. He helped with the farm work until at the age of 22 he was called into service on March 29 1942.
The 90th Infantry Division was activated at Camp Barkeley near Abilene Texas on March 2 1942. That summer the members of the Division began their training in preparation for deployment to the European Theater of Operations.
As a private Meyer was sent to Camp Barkeley on April 6, 1942 and was assigned to Company I 358th Infantry Regiment 90th Infantry Division (Texas Oklahoma) Third Army.
According to articles printed in The Sabetha Herald after his de[ath] soon after induction Meyer was promoted to corporal and in January 1943 was promoted to sergeant. Less than a year later he was promoted to staff sergeant.
His infantry unit went on maneuvers in Louisiana in the first part of 1943 and returned to Camp

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north to assist capturing the port of Cherbourg, then turned back south towards the Carentan area.
Earl rejoined the action on July 17 and was killed in action on July 23 at Gonfreville, about five miles southwest of Carentan.
On Aug. 22, 1944, Meyer's parents received the following message, which was reprinted in the Oct. 25, 1944, issue of The Sabetha Herald:
"It is with regret that I am writing to confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, Staff Sergeant Earl J. Meyer, Infantry, who was killed in action on 23 July 1944 in France
"I fully understand your desire to learn as much as possible regarding the circumstances leading to his death and I wish that there were more information available to give you
"Unfortunately, reports of this nature contain only the briefest details as they are prepared under battle conditions and the means of transmission are limited
"I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroic service to his country, even unto death, may be of sustaining comfort to you
"I extend to you my deepest sympathy Sincerely yours, JA Uho, Major General, The Adjutant General of the War Department'
Meyer's body was recovered and was buried in Monarch VII Corps Cemetery at Blosville, France, 20 miles north of St Lo
The Rev Theo Beer of Akron, Ohio, a cousin of Louis Meyer, conducted a memorial service on Oct 22. 1944, at the Apostolic Christian Church southeast of Bern
Meyer was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart
In April 1948 his remains were brought back to Sabetha for burial in the Sabetha Cemetery Graveside services were held May 1, 1948
In addition to his parents, Meyer was survived by five brothers, LeRoy, Velmer, Louis. [F]remond and Ezra Glenn, and five sisters, Mildred (Mrs Alvin) Strahm, Lena (Mrs Oscar) Strahm, Alberdine, Lenora and Rosalee, all of the local community Currently. Velmer, Louis, [F]remond, Ezra Glenn and Lena of Sabetha and Alberdine of McPherson still survive
Several of Meyer's cousins also served in the military during World War II, including Elgin Strahm who in July 1943 also made the supreme sacrifice
Sources The Sabetha Herald articles from 1944, Earl Meyer's family members, a 90th Infantry website and 2194 Days of War An Illustrated Chronology of the Second World War compiled by Cevare Salmaggi and Alfredo Pallavasını published by Wind ward New York and London

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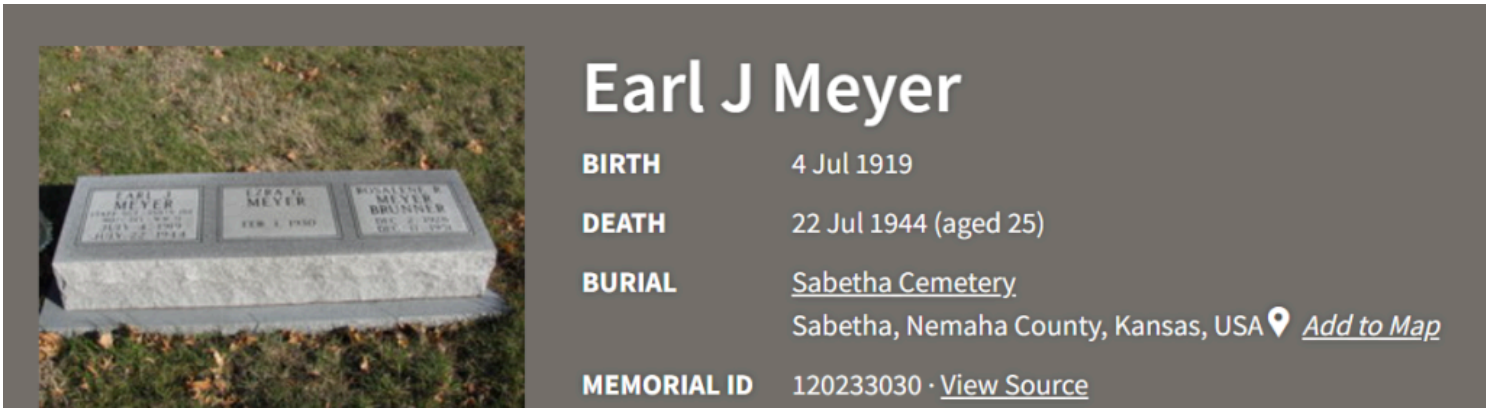
Earl J Meyer
BIRTH 4 Jul 1919
DEATH 22 Jul 1944 (aged 25)
BURIAL Sabetha Cemetery
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Crawford Inventory

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 17, 2024
Uncategorized

Today, I used the Experimental Search to look for documents with both the Crawford surname and the Duggins surname. My ancestor, James Crawford, had two step-sons: Henry Duggins and William Duggins. I was looking for documents in Virginia, Kentucky or Ohio containing the two surnames. While I had already viewed most of the results, I did find the inventory for James Crawford's estate. I doubt I would have uncovered this document without FamilySearch's experimental lab.

The following family members purchased items from the estate:

- Nelson G. Crawford – son
- Jacob Wikel – husband of granddaughter
- Jane Duggins — likely wife of Henry J. Duggins (daughter in law) but could have been a wife of a grandson
- Wm Duggins – likely stepson – but could have been a step grandson
- Henry J Duggins – step grandson
- Benjamin A. Duggins – step grandson

Preble County Ohio
Bills of Sale 1854-1857
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James Crawfords Estate T
he State of Ohio Preble County ss
Be it remembered that heretofore to wit : on
the 22d day of October in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and fifty four Nelson
G. Crawford , Executor of the estate of James Crawford
deceased . filed in the office of the Probate Court
within and for the County of Preble aforesaid an
Inventory and Sale Bill of said estate closed
in the words and figures following to wit . The
State of Ohio Preble County ss –
We the undersigned appraisers of the property
and estate of James Crawford late of Preble County
deceased , do make solemn oath that we will
truly , honestly and impartially appraise the est
ate and property of the said deceased which may
be exhibited to us and that we will perform the
other duties required of us by law in the premises
according to the best of our Knowledge ability
Sworn to & subscribed before me ⎨ John Holderman
the 28th day of September 1852 ⎨ Jos L Campbell ⎨
J. Stephens J. P. ⎨ Thoms F. Stevens
Recd 25 cts my fee of N Crawford , Exer
The undersigned appraisers of the property and
Estate of James Crawford , decd after being duly
sworn have made an Inventory and appraisment
thereof as follows :
1 Clevice .20
1 Grindstone .25
1 lot of Shingles .30
1 Kettle & Bale .80
1 Large Pot .20

2 Do Do .60
1 Skillet , 2 side .10
1 Garden Hoe .10

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2 Ho[u]s .25
1 Mattock .30
1 Wood saw .30
1 Drill 1.00
1 lot Tools .50
3 Augers .30
1 Drawing Knife & hand saw .25
2 Iron Wedges .40
1 pot tramel 2 Rings .20
1 Meat tub .50
1 Tub of Pickle paken .75
1/2 Barl Vinegar 1.00
1 Lard Keg & lard .25
1/2 Barl Salt 1.40
1 Keg dity lard 10 .10
1 Barrel Churn & 1/2 Barrel .10
1 Churne .20
1 Sugar Cask Jug .25
1 Big Wheel & little wheel .50
1 Big Wheel & Rul 50 .50
1 Copper Kettle 3.00
1 Side Saddle 1.00
1 Cook stove & pipe 3.00
1 Bureau & 1 Clock & Case 2.00
1 Table one Cupboard 2.25
1 Lot Dishes & cooking ware 1.50
10 Chairs 1 Jug 1.10
1 [Jr] Sheep shears .25
1 Two Horse plow 3.00
1 one Horse plow .50
2 Shovels .75
1 Chair , one Axe , one Collar 1.40
1 pr Double trees 1 single tree .50
1 single tree & Stretcher .50

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James Crawfords Estate
1/2 Busel & 1 Basket .25
6 Bags
1 Saddle & Bridle 1.00
2 Shovels .40
3 forks .40
1 farming Mill 3.00
1 Lot Boxes & Tub .75
1 Tar Can .10
2 set Harness 3.00
22 Head [Geese] 2.00
1 Horse 60.00
1 Wagon 25.00
2 Right old 15.00
1 DO DO 25.00
1 yearling heiffer 4.00
1 Spring Calf 4.00
14 Head Hogs 25.00
1 lot Hay in Barn 6.00
1 Stack Hay 7.50
1 field Corn 5 acres 30.00
1 Do Do 5 acres 40.00

3[4] bus Rye 2.00
Money on hand 72.31

$359.51
Given under our hands ⎬ John Holderman
this 29th day of Sep ⎬ Joseph L Campbell ⎬ Appraisers –
tember 18543 ⎬ Thomas F Stevens
The State of Ohio Preble County SS
Personally appeared before me , Nelson G Crawford
Executor of the estate of James Crawford decd
who being duly sworn says that the foregoing in
ventory is in all respects just and true that it contain
a true statement of all the estate , and property of the
deceased , which has come to the knowledge of said
Executor and particularly of all money bank

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bills , or other circulating medium belonging to
the deceased , and of all just claims of the decd
against said Executory or other persons according
to the best of his knowledge and futhrer saith not
Nelson G. Crawford
Sworn to & subscribed before me , this second day
of September – John V Campbell , Probate Judge
Sale Bill of said Estate
A Bill of property sold by Nelson G. Crawford Executor
of the estate of James Crawford decd
at Public Vendue , September 30th 1854

one Clois Sull Samuel .66
one Grindstone Jas Delimon .10
one lot shingles Wm Duggins .10
one Kettle Henry J. Duggins 1.50
one take & Wash board Benjamin Duggins .65
2 cider Barrel Jacob Hincle .20
one Skilled Handsaw DO DO .12
one Garden Hoe 6 of White .8
one pr Steelyard George Deteman .75
2 hoes Jacob Wickle .65
one Mattock Philip Miller .30
one wood saw John Plum .15
one Drill Christian Smith .65
one lot tools C. J. White .55
2 Wedges Hand saw Rings Wm Duggins .85
4 Augers John Plain .15
one pot tramel Joseph Shooman .20 .
one meat tub Jacob Hinkle .10
one lot meet & tub Do Do .62
1/2 Bl Vinegar Henry J. Duggins 1.35
1 Can of Lard Benjamin A Duggins .70
1/2 Barl Salt Henry J. Duggins 2.

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James Crawford ‘ s Estate
one keg lard Benjamin Duggins .40
one Churn John Croun .10
one Can & Sifter Jug Jacob Wikel .90
2 Wheels & Sadle Wm Campbell .30

one Wheel & Reel John Plum .20
1 Copper Kettle Benjamin A Duggins 6.25
1 Cook stove & pipe Jacob Hinell 1.50
1 Clock and Case , Ruman Do DO .25
one sable DO Do .30
one Cubboard DO DO 2.50
1 lot of Knives & forks Benjamin A Duggins 1.60
1 Lot Dishes Do Do .90
1 lot of [Cro]cks Jacob Hincle .30
4 Do Crooks Do Do .50
10 Chairs John Jefferson .38
1 Butcher Knife Nelson G. Coffman .30
1 pr Striped shoes Do Do Do .68
1 Gouge Joseph Deteman .15
1 Two Horse plow John [Caruse] 1.25
1 one horse plow Samuel Duffield .15
1 set double trees & Single tree George Deteman .55
2 Shovels Do Do .55
1 pr Stretchers Samuel Duffield .37
1 Singletree George Deteman .12
1 Chain & Collar Thomas Stephens .30
1 Axe Joseph Shooman .95
1/2of Busl & Basket Jacob Hinkle .52
3 Jacks John P. Snyder .10
3 DO W. Duggins .45
1 Saddle & Bridle John Jefferson 2.05
2 Shovels Jos . Buckdale .25
3 forks Jacob Wikle .30
1 Fanning Mill Do Do .25
1 lot tubs & Boxes Benjamin A Duggin 1.00

37.95

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James Crawford ‘ s Estate
one tar can Jacob Wincke .05
2 set harnes George Diteman 4.60
1 lot Hay in Barn Do DO 7.00
22 Heads Geese John Jefferson 2.86
3/4 Busels Rye Jos Buckdel 2.27
one Horse Jacob Wikle 67.50
one Two Horse Wagon DO DO 25.00
2 Pans Jane Duggins .15
1 pair . Best chanes Jacob Wikle .75
1 Cow Reds old Thomas Stephens 8.25
1 Do Do young C J. White 20.00
1 Red Heiffer Thoms Stephens 4.00
1 Rede Steer Philip Miller 5.40
2 Hogs 1st Choice Jacob Hinkes 8.40
2 DO 2d Choice Samuel Seilers 6.00
3 DO 3d Choice Jacob Hinkle 3.05
3 DO 4th DO David Longneck 3.65
3 DO 5th DO DO Do 3.40
2 DO 6th DO DO Do 1.00
1 field Cord 5 acres C. J. White 39.50
1 DO DO 5 DO Jacob Hinkle 22.00
1 Hay Stack – George Determan 7.55
Total – – 280.16
John Holderman Clerk of sale
The State of Ohio Preble County ss
Personally appeared , before me Nelson Crawford
Executor of the estate of James Crawford decd
who being duly sworn says that the foregoing
sale Bill is correct to the best of his Knowledge

and further saith not – Nelson G Crawford
Sworn to and subscribed before me , this 2d . of
October 1854 –
J V Campbell , Probate Judge

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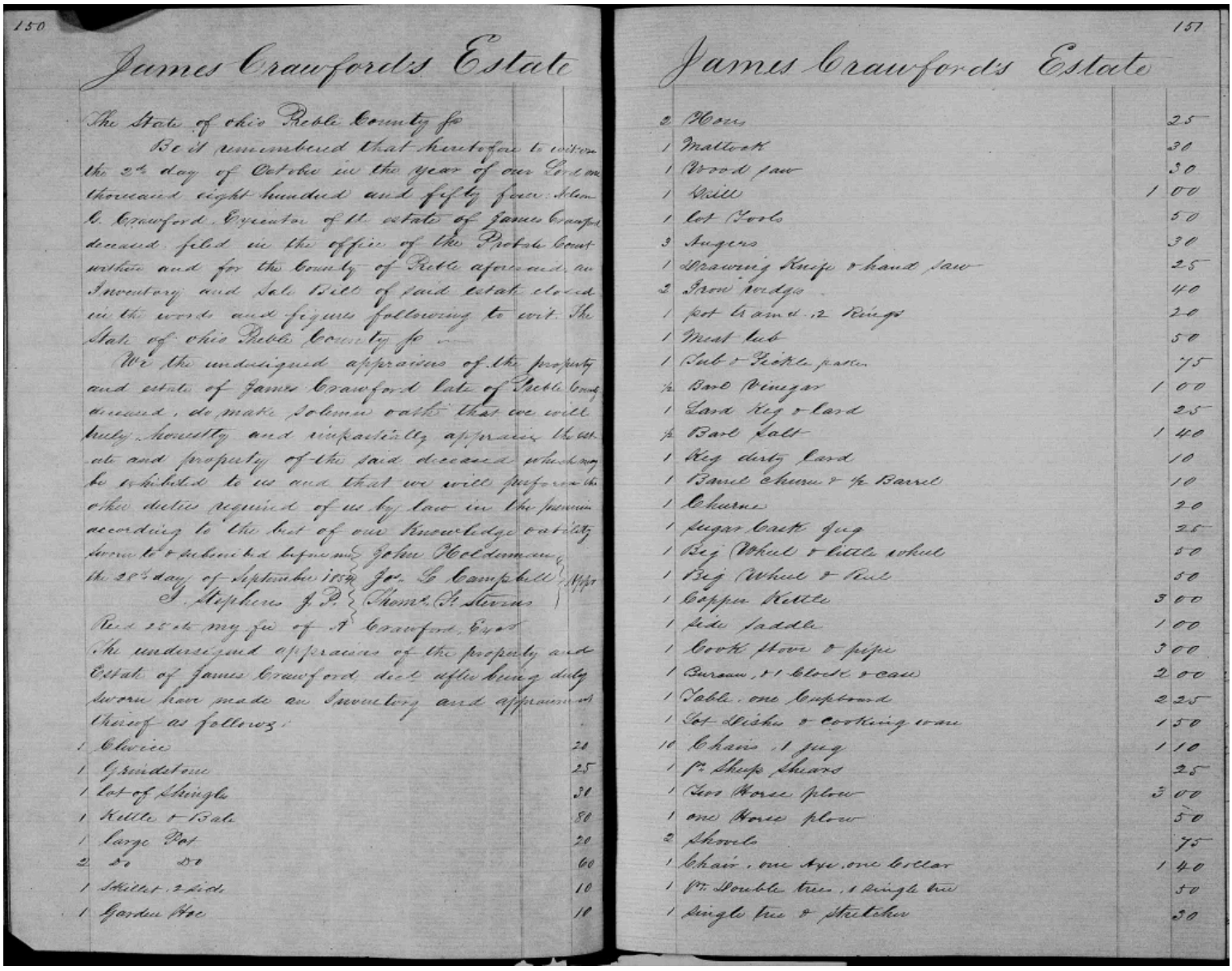

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The State of Ohio Preble County ss
Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the 2d day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four Nelson G. Crawford Executor of the estate of James Crawford deceased filed in the office of the Probate Court within and for the County of Preble aforesaid an Inventory and Sale Bill of said estate closed in the words and figures following to wit: The State of Ohio Preble County ss –
We the undersigned appraisers of the property and estate of James Crawford late of Preble County deceased, do make solemn oath that we will duly honestly and impartially appraise the estate and property of the said deceased which may be exhibited to us and that we will perform the other duties required of us by law in the premises according to the best of our knowledge and ability Sworn to & subscribed before me John Holdeman the 28th day of September 1854 Jos. L. Campbell } Appr
J. Stephens } Thos. P. Stevens }
Rec'd 2 Oct my fee of A Crawford Exor
The undersigned appraisers of the property and Estate of James Crawford dec'd after being duly sworn have made an Inventory and appraisment thereof as follows:

1	Clevis	20
1	Grindstone	25
1	Lot of Shingle	30
1	Kettle & Bale	80
1	Large Pot	20
2	Do Do	60
1	Skillet & lid	10
1	Garden Hoe	10

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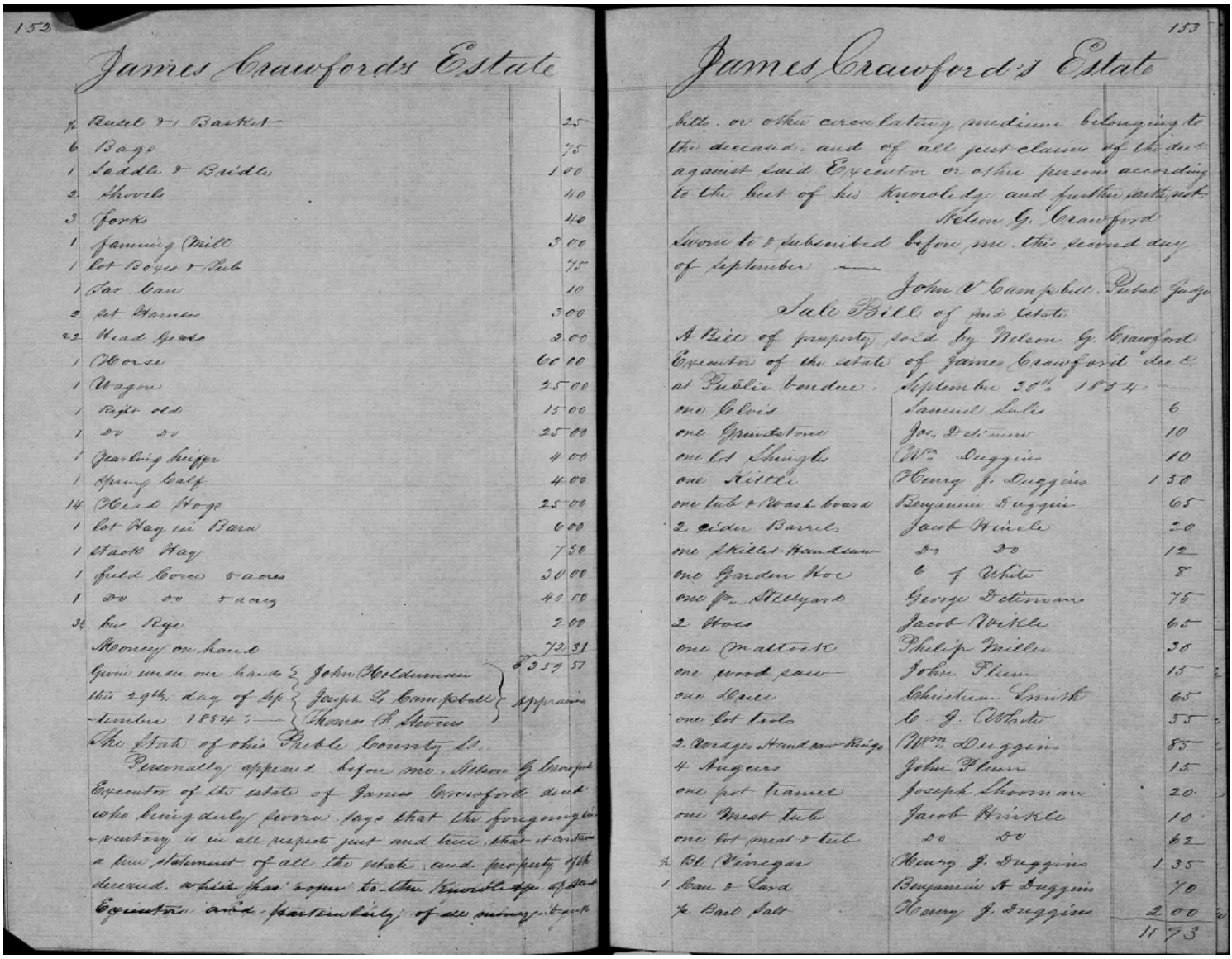
2	Hoes	25
1	Mattock	30
1	Wood saw	30
1	Drill	1 00
1	Set Tools	50
3	Augers	30
1	Drawing Knife & hand saw	25
2	Grain sacks	40
1	pot & oven & 2 Rings	20
1	Meat tub	50
1	Tub & Pickle pail	75
½	Barl Vinegar	1 00
1	Lard Keg & lard	25
½	Barl Salt	1 40
1	Keg dirty lard	10
1	Barrel churn & ½ Barrel	10
1	Churn	20
1	sugar basin Jug	25
1	Big Wheel & little wheel	50
1	Big Wheel & Reel	50
1	Copper Kettle	3 00
1	side saddle	1 00
1	Cook Stove & pipe	3 00
1	Bureau, 1 clock & case	2 00
1	Table, one Cupboard	2 25
1	Set Dishes & Cooking ware	1 50
10	Chairs, 1 jug	1 10
1	Pr Sheep Shears	25
1	Iron Horse plow	3 00
1	one Horse plow	50
2	Shovels	75
1	Chain, one Axe, one bridle	1 40
1	Pr Double trees, 1 single tree	50
1	single tree & Stretcher	30



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½	Bushel & ½ Basket	25
6	Bags	75
1	Saddle & Bridle	1 00
2	Shovels	40
3	Forks	40
1	Janning Mill	3 00
1	lot Boxes & Rub	75
1	Cow Cain	10
2	pr Harness	3 00
22	Head Geese	2 00
1	Horse	60 00
1	Wagon	25 00
1	Right old	15 00
1	do do	25 00
1	Yearling heifer	4 00
1	Spring Calf	4 00
14	Head Hogs	25 00
1	lot Hay in Barn	6 00
1	Stack Hay	7 50
1	field Corn 8 acres	30 00
1	do do 5 acres	40 00
36	bu Rye	2 00
	Money on hand	72 31
		$359 57

Given under our hands { John Holdenman, Joseph G Campbell, Thomas A Stevens } Appraisers this 29th day of Sep tember 1854 :—

The State of Ohio Preble County ss.

Personally appeared before me, Nelson G Crawford Executor of the estate of James Crawford dec'd who being duly sworn says that the foregoing inventory is in all respects just and true that it contains a true statement of all the estate and property of the deceased, which has come to the knowledge of said Executor and particularly of all money &c

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bills or other circulating medium belonging to the deceased and of all just claims of the deceased against said Executor or other person according to the best of his knowledge and further saith not.

Nelson G. Crawford

Sworn to & subscribed before me this second day of September —

John V Campbell Probate Judge

Sale Bill of the Estate

A Bill of property sold by Nelson G. Crawford Executor of the estate of James Crawford dec'd at Public vendue. September 30th 1854 —

one Calvis	Samuel Lake	6
one Grindstone	Jos. Detamore	10
one lot Shingles	Wm Duggins	10
one Kettle	Henry J. Duggins	1 30
one tub & Wash board	Benjamin Duggins	65
2 Cider Barrels	Jacob Winkle	20
one Skillet Handsaw	do do	12
one Garden Hoe	6 of White	8
one fox Millyard	George Detamore	75
2 Axes	Jacob Winkle	65
one Mattock	Philip Miller	30
one wood saw	John Fleem	15
one Maul	Christian Smith	65
one lot tubs	G. J. Allard	55
2 Wedges Handsaw Rings	Wm Duggins	85
4 Augers	John Fleem	15
one pot Trammel	Joseph Shoomaker	20
one Meat tub	Jacob Winkle	10
one lot meal & tub	do do	62
½ Bl Vinegar	Henry J. Duggins	1 35
1 Bran & Card	Benjamin A Duggins	70
½ Bed Sack	Henry J. Duggins	2 00
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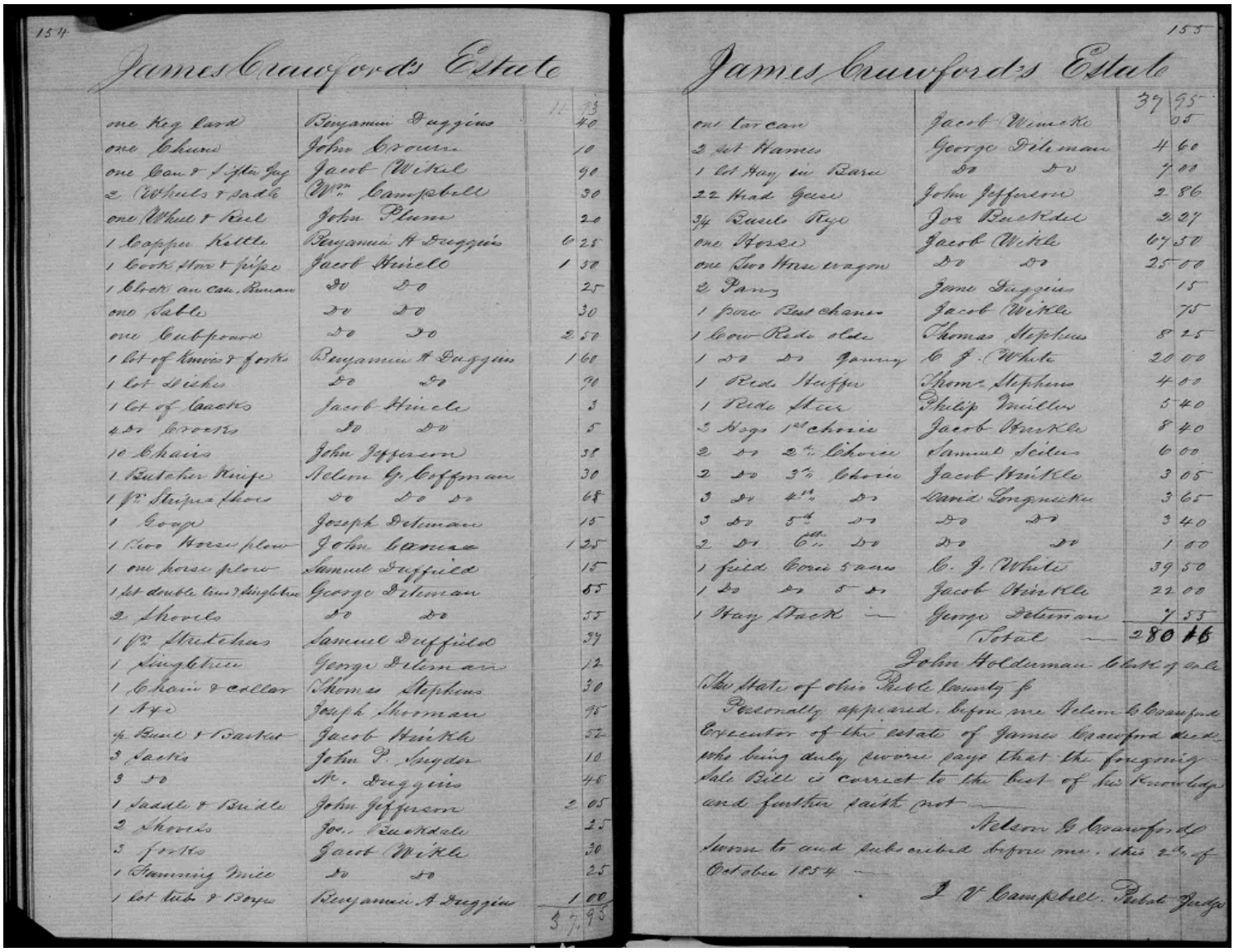

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one Keg Lard	Benjamin Duggins	12	93
one Churn	John Brown		40
one Can & 1 pint Jug	Jacob Wikel		10
2 Wheels & Sadle	Wm. Campbell		90
one Wheel & Reel	John Plum		30
1 Copper Kettle	Benjamin A Duggins	6	25
1 Cook Stove & pipe	Jacob Hricell	1	30
1 Clock an Can. Roman	do do		25
one Table	do do		30
one Cubboard	do do	2	50
1 Set of Knives & forks	Benjamin A Duggins	1	60
1 Set Dishes	do do		90
1 Set of Castors	Jacob Hricle		3
4 do Bowls	do do		5
10 Chairs	John Jefferson		38
1 Butcher Knife	Nelson G. Coffman		30
1 Pr Stripes Shoes	do do do		68
1 Soap	Joseph Delaman		15
1 Two Horse plow	John Thomas	1	25
1 one horse plow	Samuel Duffield		15
1 Set double tree & Singletree	George Delaman		85
2 Shovels	do do		55
1 Pr Stretchers	Samuel Duffields		37
1 Singletree	George Delaman		12
1 Chain & collar	Thomas Stephens		30
1 Axe	Joseph Thoman		95
4 Bunk & Bunks	Jacob Hinkle		32
3 Sacks	John D. Snyder		10
3 do	A. Duggins		45
1 Saddle & Bridle	John Jefferson	2	05
2 Shovels	Jos. Buckdale		25
3 Forks	Jacob Wikle		30
1 Running Mule	do do		25
1 Set Tubs & Boxes	Benjamin A Duggins	1	00
		37	95

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		37	95
one Lard can	Jacob Winecke		05
2 Set Hames	George Dillman	4	60
1 Lot Hay in Barn	do do	7	00
22 Head Geese	John Jefferson	2	86
34 Bunch Rye	Jos Buckdale	2	27
one Horse	Jacob Wikle	67	50
one Two Horse wagon	do do	25	00
2 Pans	Jane Duggins		15
1 pair Cart chains	Jacob Wikle		75
1 Cow Ride older	Thomas Stephens	8	25
1 do do Yearling	C. J. White	20	00
1 Red Heifer	Thomas Stephens	4	00
1 Ride Steer	Philip Miller	5	40
3 Hogs 1st choice	Jacob Winkle	8	40
2 do 2d choice	Samuel Seiler	6	00
2 do 3d choice	Jacob Winkle	3	05
3 do 4th do	Daniel Longnecker	3	65
3 do 5th do	do do	3	40
2 do 6th do	do do	1	00
1 field Corn 5 acres	C. J. White	39	50
1 do do 5 do	Jacob Winkle	22	00
1 Hay Stack	George Delaman	7	55
Total		280	46

John Holderman Clerk of said

The State of Ohio Pike County ss

Personally appeared before me Nelson G Crawford Executor of the estate of James Crawford dec'd who being duly sworn says that the foregoing Sale Bill is correct to the best of his Knowledge and further saith not —

Nelson G Crawford

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2d of October 1854 —

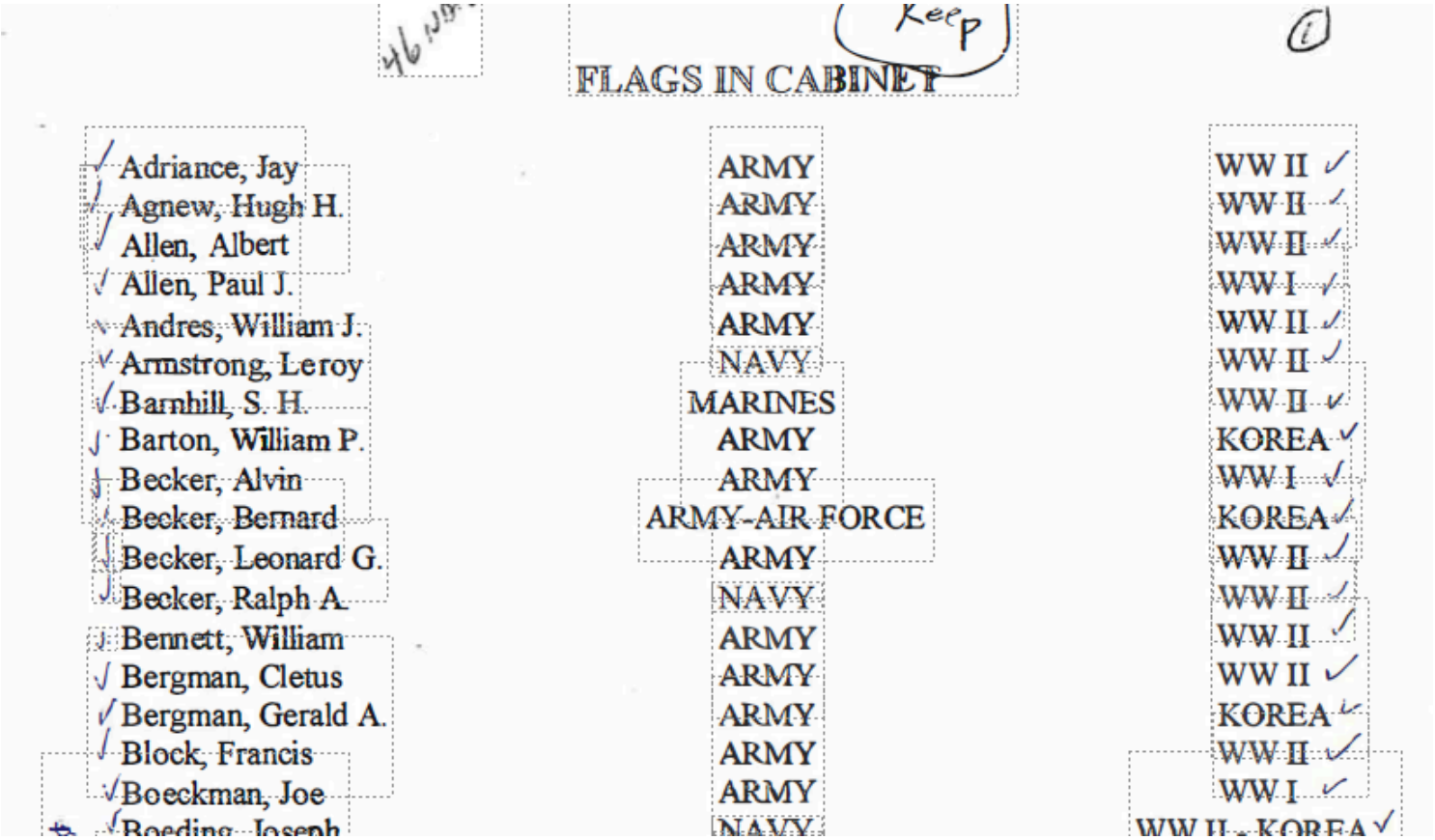
I V Campbell Probate Judge

Sider for the Win

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 18, 2024
Artificial Intelligence,military,Nemaha County

Have you ever been asked to convert a paper document to a computer file? When I was recently asked if I could do such a task, I was hoping that AI or OCR would be able to accomplish this task.

After scanning the document, my first attempt was to use OCR recognition in the PDF document. Unfortunately, that created multiple text boxes, making it difficult to copy/paste the text into a spreadsheet.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Barton, William P. ARMY KOREA
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Becker, Leonard G. ARMY WW II
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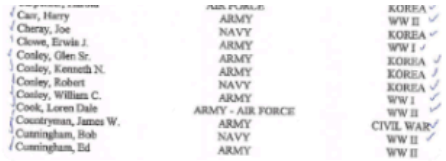
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Conley, Robert NAVY KOREA
Conley, William C. ARMY WW I
Cook, Loren Dale ARMY - AIR FORCE WW II
Countryman, James W. ARMY CIVIL WAR
Cunningham, Bob NAVY WW II
Cunningham, Ed ARMY WW II

Can you convert the image into a table with name, branch and war as the columns?

Veterans List — Now interactive!

	Name	Branch	War
1	Y Adriance, Jay ARMY	wwit	'
2	Agnew, Hugh H. ARMY	wwit	"
3	Allen, Albert	ARMY	wwil

While Chat GPT was able to pull the information, it failed at putting it in the columns.

I then tried the Chrome Sider extension. Again, I asked it to extract the text into a table with columns for name, branch and war. I told Sider there should be three columns while I did not give ChatGPT that detail.

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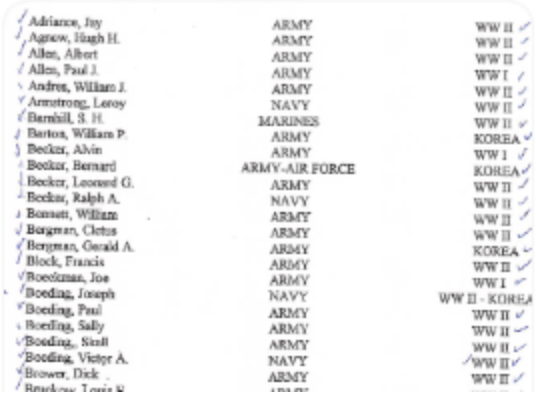
Extract the text into a table with three columns: name, branch and war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Bennett, William ARMY WW II
Bergman, Cletus ARMY WW II
Bergman, Gerald A. ARMY KOREA
Block, Francis ARMY WW II
Boeckman, Joe ARMY WW I
Boeding, Joseph NAVY WW II - KOREA
Boeding, Paul ARMY WW II
Boeding, Sally ARMY WW II
Boeding, Sisil ARMY WW II
Boeding, Victor A. NAVY WW II
Brower, Dick ARMY WW II

And sider pulled the information and created the three column table!

Sider Fusion

name	branch	war
Adriance, Jay	ARMY	WW II
Agnew, Hugh H.	ARMY	WW II
Allen, Albert	ARMY	WW II

Thanks to SIDER, I was able to easily pull the text from the document and paste it into an Excel spreadsheet.

	A	B	C
1	**Name**	**Branch**	**War**
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5	Allen, Paul J.	ARMY	WWI
6	Andres, William J.	ARMY	WW II
7	Armstrong, Leroy	NAVY	WW II
8	Barnhill, S. H.	MARINES	WW II
9	Barton, William P.	ARMY	KOREA
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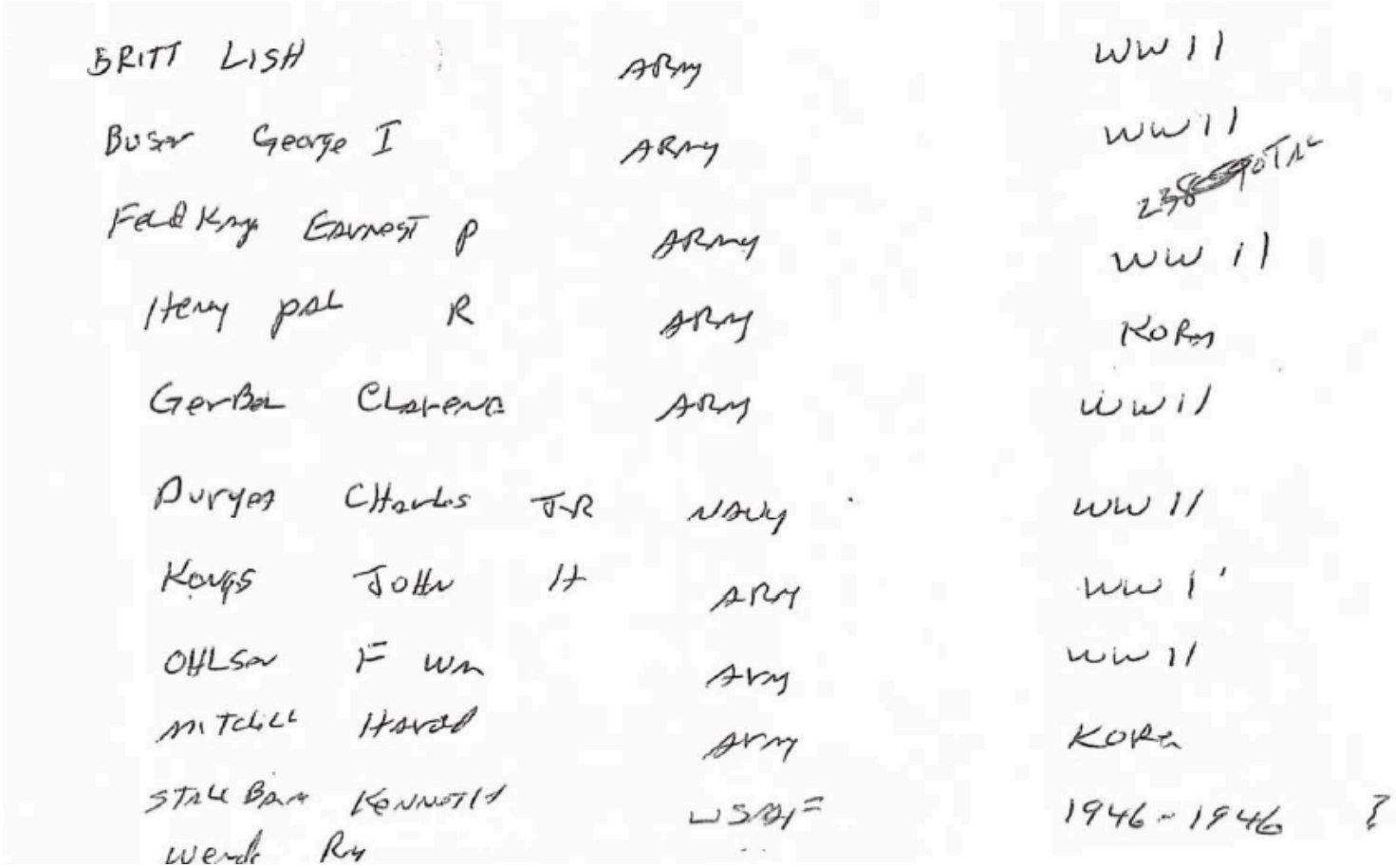


Sider Fusion

Name	Branch	War
Britt Lish	Army	WW 1
Buser George I	Army	WW 1
Feld Kay Earnest P	Army	WW 1
Hery pal R	Army	Korea

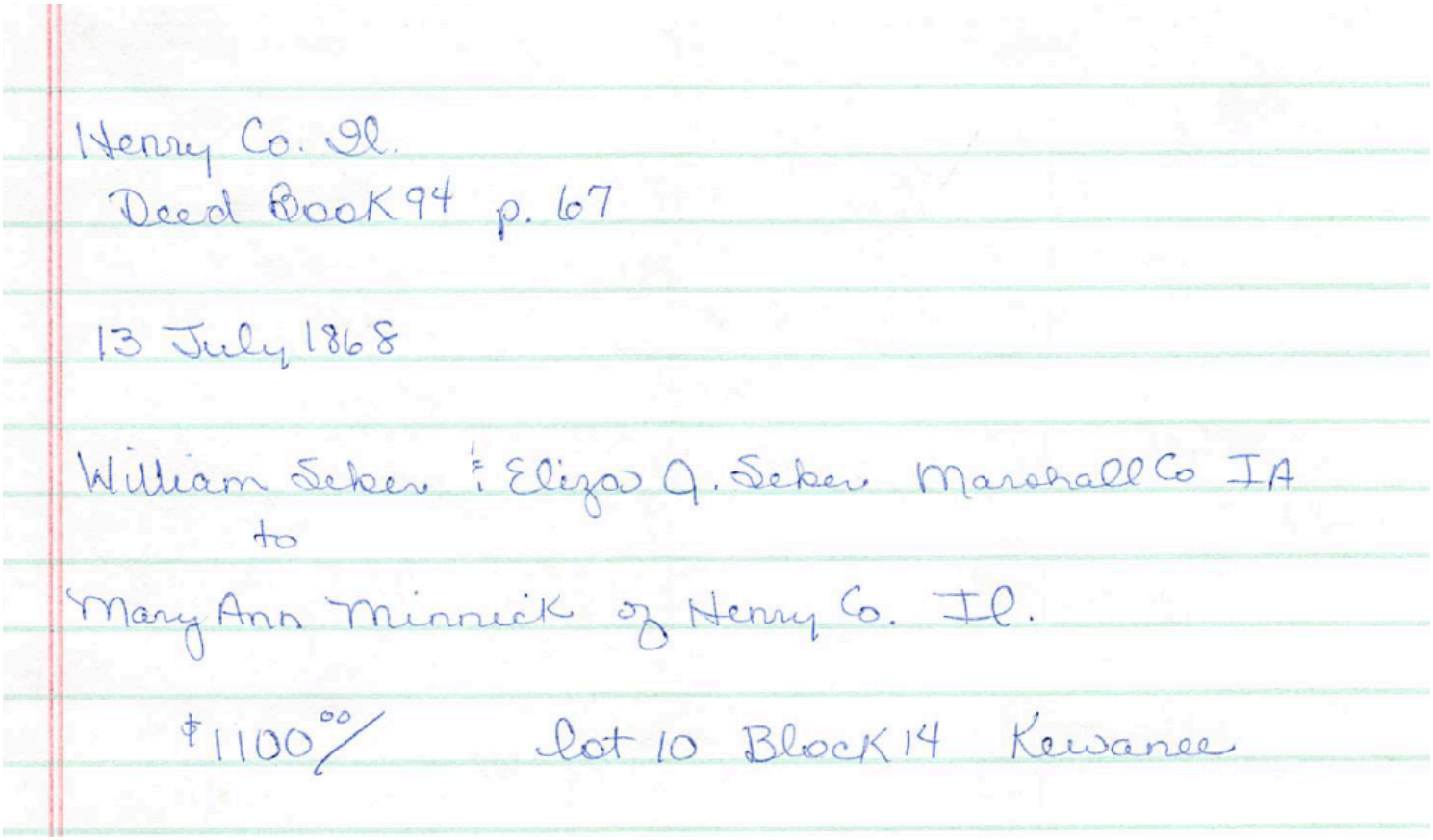
THANK YOU Sider for making this a relatively easy task!

Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 19, 2024
Henry County Illinois,Illinois,Minnick

Mary Minnick Deed

Do you have notes in your files to document an event that are very brief? As I'm gong thru my MINNICK folder, I have such a note about an 1868 deed between William Seber and Mary Ann Minnick.


Henry Co. Il.
Deed Book 94 p. 67
13 July 1868
William Seber & Eliza Q. Seber Marshall Co IA
to
Mary Ann Minnick of Henry Co. Il.
$1100.00/
lot 10 Block 14 Kewanee

Fortunately, there is enough information in this note to locate the original record on the FamilySearch site.

Henry County Illinois
Deed Record

Deed Record 94 Deeds May 1868-February 1869
Film 1255591 DGS008566961 Item 4

Image 36 of 195 viewing item 4 by itself [image 653 of 812 on 'roll']

page 67
Revenue Stamps
to the amount of
1.50
on this deed

This Indenture, Made this and Thirteenth day of July
in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight between
William Seber and Eliza J Seber his wife of the County Marshall
and State of Illinois – – of the first part , and
Mary Ann Minnick of the County of Henry and State aforesaid
of the second part ,

WITNESSETH , That the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand one hundred
Dollars
in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged , have party GRANTED of , BARGAINED AND SOLD , and by
these presents do GRANT , BARGAIN AND SELL , unto the said party of the second part , her heirs and assigns , all the following described
lot piece or parcel of land , situated in the Town of Kewanee in the County of Henry
and State of Illinois, to wit :
Lot number ten (10) in Block number Fourteen (14) in the original Town of
Kewanee
Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining , and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders rents
issues and profits thereof; and all the estate right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever, of the said party of the first part, either in law or equity, of, in and to th eabove bargained
premises , with the hereditaments and appurtenances . To Have And TO Hold the said premises above bargained and described, with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part
her heirs and assigns Forever. And the said party of the
first part hereby expressly waive release and relinquish unto the said party of the second part __ heirs first executors part administrators and assigns , all rights, title, claim interest
and benefit whatever in and to the above described premises , and each and every part thereof which is given by or results from all laws of this State pertaining tot he exemption of homesteads
And the said William Lever Seber and Eliza P Seber his his wife party of the first part for
their heirs , executors and administrators , do covenant grant bargain and and agree to and with the said party of the second part her
heirs and assigns , that at the time of of the the ensealing and delivery of these presents they are well seized of the premises above conveyed , as of a good , sure , perfect ,
absolute and indefeasable estate of inheritance in law , and in fee simple , and have good right , full power and lawful authority to grant, bargain, sell and convey the same in manner and form
aforesaid, and that the same are free and clear from all former and other grants , bargains , sales , liens , taxes , assessments and encumbrances , of what kind or nature soever , and the above bar
gained premises , in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns against all and every person party or of persons lawfully claiming or
to claim the whole or any part thereof, , the said party of the first part shall and will WARRENT AND FOREVER DEFEND .
IN Testimony Whereof , The party said of parties of the first part set their _ _ _ hands and seals the day and year first above written
Wm Seber (Seal)
E J Seber (Seal)

SIGNED , SEALED AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF

STATE OF ILLINOIS ,
Marshall _ COUNTY .
Thomas A McMorris Clerk of the County Court a
in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, to hereby certify that
William Seber and Eliza J Seber
personally known to me as the same persons whose names subscribed to the
annexed Deed, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument in writing
as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.
And the said Eliza J Seber
wife of the said
William Seber
having been by me examined , separate and apart and out of the hearing of her husband and
the contents and meaning of the said instrument of writing having been by me fully made known and explained to her
acknowledged that she had freely and voluntarily exe
cuted the same , and relinquished her dower to the lands and tenements therein mentioned ,
without compulsion of her said husband , and that she
do not wish to retract the same.

Given under my hand and official seal , this 12th day of July A. D. 1868
Thomas A McMorris Clerk

Filed for Record this 21 day of July A. D. 1868 at 9 o ' clock A. M.

Illinois, Henry. Deeds, 1818-1912; indexes, 1836-1903. Film #1255591 DGS 008566961 Item 4. Mary Minnick, 30 Jul 1868; Book 94: page 67; digital images, FamilySearch http://www.familysearch.org : viewed online 12 July 2024.

WARRANTY DEED—Sold by Culver, Page & Hoyne, Stationers, 128 and 130 Lake Street, Chicago.

REVENUE STAMPS to the amount of $1.65 on this DEED.

This Indenture,

Made this Thirteenth day of July in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight BETWEEN William Leber and Eliza J Leber his wife of the County Marshall and State of Illinois of the first part, and Mary Ann Minnick of the County of Henry and State aforesaid of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand one hundred Dollars in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, ha GRANTED, BARGAINED AND SOLD, and by these presents do GRANT, BARGAIN AND SELL, unto the said party of the second part, Her heirs and assigns, all the following described lot, piece, or parcel of land, situated in the Town of Kewanee in the County of Henry and State of Illinois, to wit:

Lot number ten (10) in Block number fourteen (14) in the original Town of Kewanee

TOGETHER with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever, of the said party of the first part, either in law or equity, of, in and to the above bargained premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances: To Have and to Hold the said premises above bargained and described, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part Her heirs and assigns Forever. And the said party of the first part, hereby expressly waive, release and relinquish unto the said party of the second part, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, all right, title, claim, interest and benefit whatever in and to the above described premises, and each and every part thereof which is given by or results from all laws of this State pertaining to the exemption of homesteads. And the said William Leber and Eliza J Leber his wife party of the first part, for their heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant, grant, bargain and agree, to and with the said party of the second part Her heirs and assigns, that at the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents they are well seized of the premises above conveyed, as of a good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in law, and in fee simple, and have good right, full power and lawful authority to grant, bargain, sell and convey the same in manner and form aforesaid, and that the same are free and clear from all former and other grants, bargains, sales, liens, taxes, assessments and encumbrances, of what kind or nature soever, and the above bargained premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part Her heirs, and assigns, against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, the said party of the first part shall and will WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND.

In Testimony Whereof, The said part of the first part ha hereunto set their hand and seal the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF

Wm Leber SEAL.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
Marshall County. }

I, Thomas A McMorris Clerk of the County Court in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that William Leber and Eliza J Leber personally known to me as the same person whose name subscribed to the annexed Deed, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument in writing as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

And the said Eliza J Leber wife of the said William Leber having been by me examined, separate and apart, and out of the hearing of her husband, and the contents and meaning of the said instrument of writing having been by me fully made known and explained to her, she the said wife being fully informed of her rights under the Homestead Laws of this State, acknowledged that she had freely and voluntarily executed the same, and relinquished her dower to the lands and tenements therein mentioned, and all her right and benefit under and by virtue of all laws of this State relating to the exemption of Homesteads, without compulsion of her said husband, and that she do not wish to retract the same.

Given under my hand and Official seal, this 13th day of July A. D. 1868

Thomas A McMorris Clerk

Seal

Filed for Record this 21 day of July A. D. 1868, at 9 o'clock a M.

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 20, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II

Today's collection of military news comes from page 1 of the 24 Feb 1941 issue of the Courier Tribune in Seneca, Kansas. The Sider: ChatGPT sidebar was used to transcribe most of the articles.

ONE YEAR TO UNCLE SAM SELECTEES ENTRAIN
Fourteen Nemaha County Boys Went to Leavenworth This Morning.
It is not permissible to fly the national colors after sundown but it is within the code to place the banner at the head of a parade of marching young men, who beginning today, are giving one year (if not more) of their lives to the defense of the U. S. A.
And what could be more fitting than to have soldiers of the First World War to carry the Stars and Stripes in a send-off to their comrades of the second crisis within the same generation?
Entrainment of Nemaha county's second contingent (the first was one man, Arthur R. Hartter, Sabetha, in January) took place at an unearthly hour: 2:00 a. m. today. The air was filled with a flurry of snow but the waiting room was filled with kinfolk and well-wishers.
As the train chuffed into the station, there were fond embraces which recalled the days of '17. There were tears, too, for women's hearts are fearful of the lowering clouds of war.
Earle W. Taylor post was host to the Boys of '41 all during the evening and the Legion club was at their disposal. Here Mrs. Nellie Levick and Mrs. Pete Bieri served coffee and sandwiches, supplied by the Legion. At least 75 were served. Two Bern Legionnaires, Andy Strahm and "Shorty" Allen, were here.
Draft Board Chairman Bert Stratton gave each recruit a box lunch at the station. Almost the last day, the draft board had a request from Rob't G. Wilson, Curtis candy salesman, for a transfer to a Washington, D. C. contingent. This made it necessary for Bert to go to the home of Homer L. Turner, Oneida, and notify him he was eligible to go. Turner could have taken five days more at home but chose to go with the rest of the boys.
The contingent, in charge of Bob Adriance, was composed of Vernet H. Randel, Corning; Herman J. Engel, Wetmore; Gerald J. Wempe, Seneca; Lloyd W. Frederickson, Corning; Edward J. Vogel, Bern; Cyril F. Olberding, Baileyville; Wm. J. Flaherty, Havensville; Elmer W. Allen, Corning; Wm. K. Rucker, Wetmore; Francis J. Block, Seneca; Leonard Talley, Centralia; Clarence R. Hazlett, Onaga; Homer L. Turner, Oneida, and Rob't. G. Adriance, Seneca.

He Will Be Assigned To Defense School
What seems a highly laudable WPA plan is to take men with previous experience in skilled trades and give them a "refresher" course, so that they can qualify for employment in private defense industry.
Ten persons were interviewed in this county recently 'by state WPA workers. Four were selected as possible subjects. They were former machinists and welders. Each was required to show what he can do his trade in an examination.–Chosen–first of the four was Earl Ross, Wetmore machinist, who will be assigned to a school in Kansas City for three months, his wage paid at WPA scale. At the end of the three months, with the demand for machinists, Ross should have regular employment.

F. B. I. Takes Takes A Hand
And Ben P. Kruetzman Files Questionnaire
Ben P. Kruetzman, 30, single, three miles southwest of Baileyville, filled his questionnaire under the selective service act late Friday but not until he was brought to Seneca by Agent Duffy, representing the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Kruetzman was the only holdout of all the drafted men. The draft board sent him notice from time to time and supplied him with a list of names of persons who would help him fill out his questionnaire. To no avail. Kruetzman did not reply. His name was reported to the U. S. District Attorney.
Duffy told Draft Board Chairman Bert Stratton he didn't know how to fill out the paper so just disregarded it. Duffy called District Attorney Alexander who said he did not believe it worth while to prosecute. Kruetzman, it appears, was in the army beginning Jan. 30, 1939, but was discharged May 9th of the same year. A K. U. student drew two years for failure to register.

Marvin Funk Gets U.S. Army Commission

Marvin Funk, lawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jame Funk, Seneca, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. army and will report for duty March 4th at Ft. Huachuca, in east central Arizona.

Marvin is now an employee in the railroad claims division of government service. He goes first to El Paso, Texas. His job will be held for him while he is on military duty.

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 21, 2024
SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Do you collect maps of the places that you have ancestors or family? I do! I love maps.

Over the years I have purchased maps. Some of my favorite purchases have either been plat books or photocopies of pages from a plat book. I love these maps because they show the owners of the land. Since many plat books are now available online, I tend not to collect them any more.

However, I do have three FAVORITE maps. Two of these are web sites and the third is hanging on my wall.

Map of US

I love mapofus.org because it helps me figure out the evolution of the county boundaries. This helps me know that I have to research several counties even though the families may have been neighbors in a county based on today's boundaries. My Crawford research is a perfect example of this.

- James Crawford (Sally Smith Duggins) – my ancestor – married in Garrard County KY in 1799
- James Crawford (Martha Knight)- neighbor to my ancestor over time – married in Lincoln County KY in 1792 even though he likely was living in Garrard County, KY in 1799
- James Crawford (Rebecca Anderson Maxwell) – likely uncle James (Martha) – purchased land in Madison County but that land was in Garrard county when it was sold.

First Landowners Project ($) (www.historygeo.com)

This is one of my 'go-to' websites when researching a family. It allows me to search public domain land records to see if the family was one of the first land owners in an area. When I'm fortunate to find a family identified, I can also see who their neighbors were. I also use this site to figure out where a parcel of land is in relation to cities, towns and roads based on the range township information.

Garrard County, KY landowners

My favorite map was created by Fred Simpson in 1992 from the early Virginia land surveys. This map shows the original land owners drawn on a topographical map.

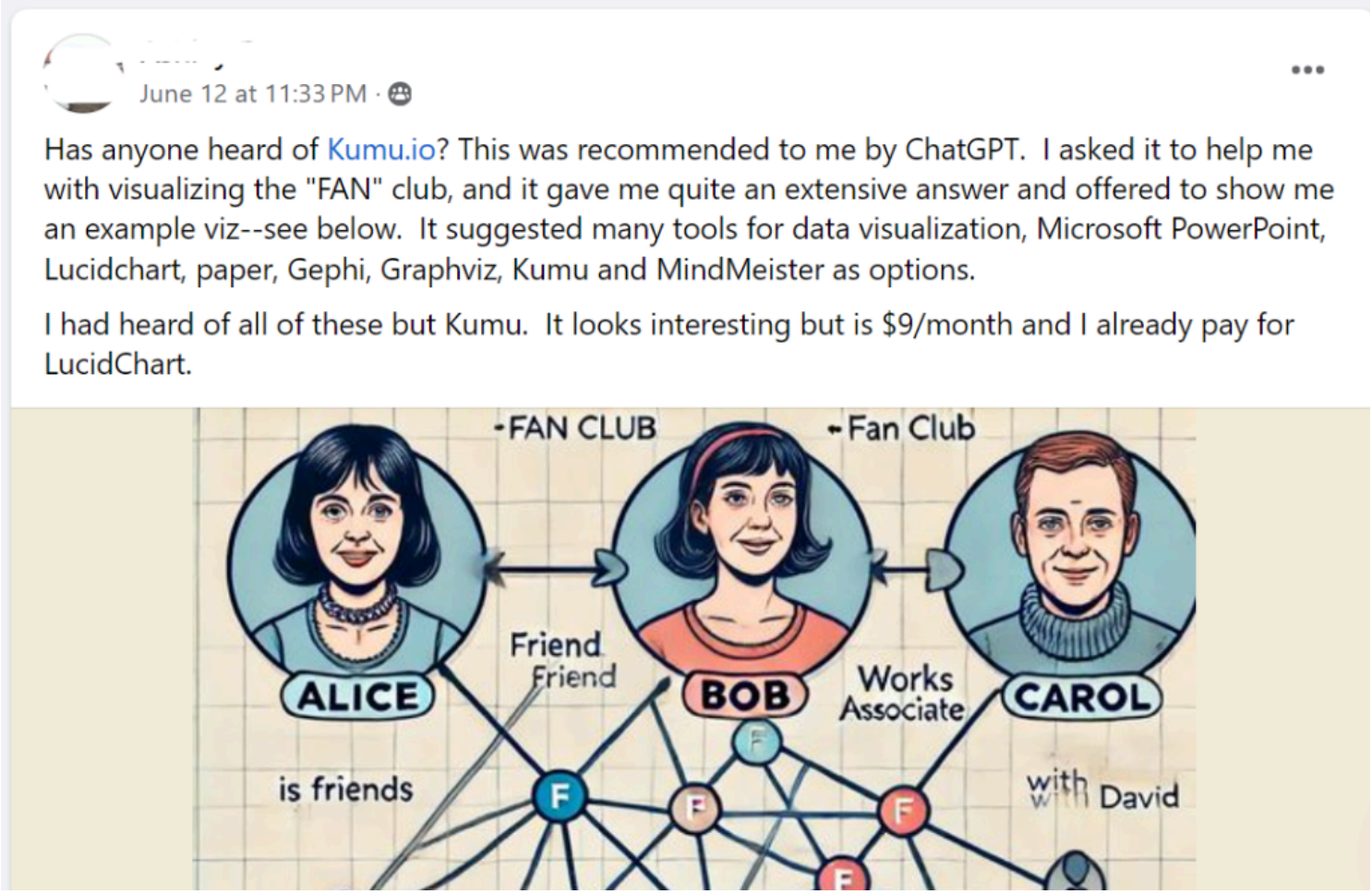
Alexander Collier #938
George Keys #2101
Joseph Bledsoe #8278
James Gray #9068
George Teator #1601
Moses Dooley #912
John Downing #573
Richard Cave #774
Nicholas Leich #1432
Old Sugar Creek Meeting House
William Miller #7078
Edward Davis #1103
Jacob Myers #1343
James Bryant #3541
James Bryant #745
James Special #969
Alexander Sinclair #379
Henry Pawling #7656
LANCASTER
John Wilson #9266

AI Fan Club

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 22, 2024
Artificial Intelligence

Have you used any AI (Artificial Intelligence) tools? Do you have a FAN CLUB for a brick wall? Have you ever thought about diagraming your Fan Club and the relationships?

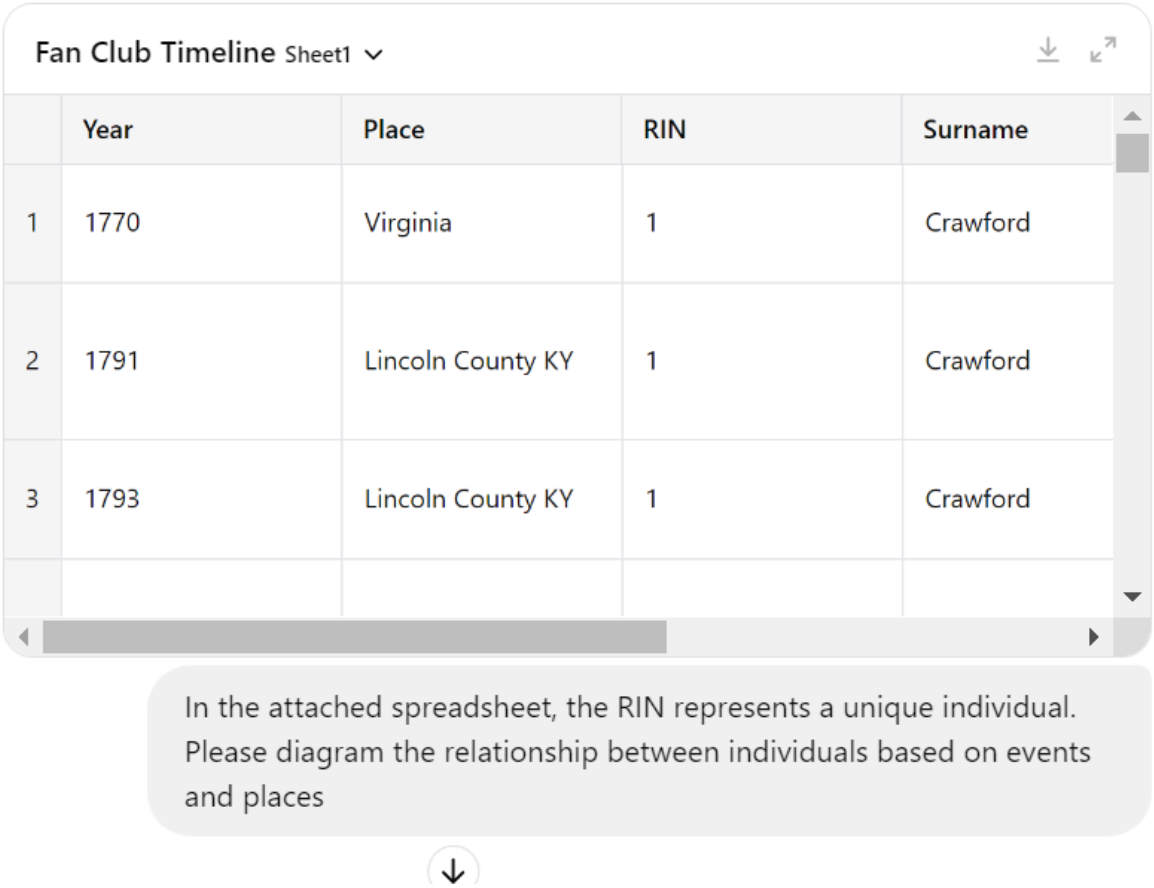
I do have a Fan Club for my Crawford research but had not thought about trying to diagram the relationships. Then I saw a post on the Genealogy and AI Facebook group discussing various tools.


June 12 at 11:33 PM ·
Has anyone heard of Kumu.io? This was recommended to me by ChatGPT. I asked it to help me with visualizing the "FAN" club, and it gave me quite an extensive answer and offered to show me an example viz--see below. It suggested many tools for data visualization, Microsoft PowerPoint, Lucidchart, paper, Gephi, Graphviz, Kumu and MindMeister as options.
I had heard of all of these but Kumu. It looks interesting but is $9/month and I already pay for LucidChart.
FAN CLUB
Fan Club
ALICE
BOB
CAROL
Friend
Friend
Works
Associate
is friends
with
David
F

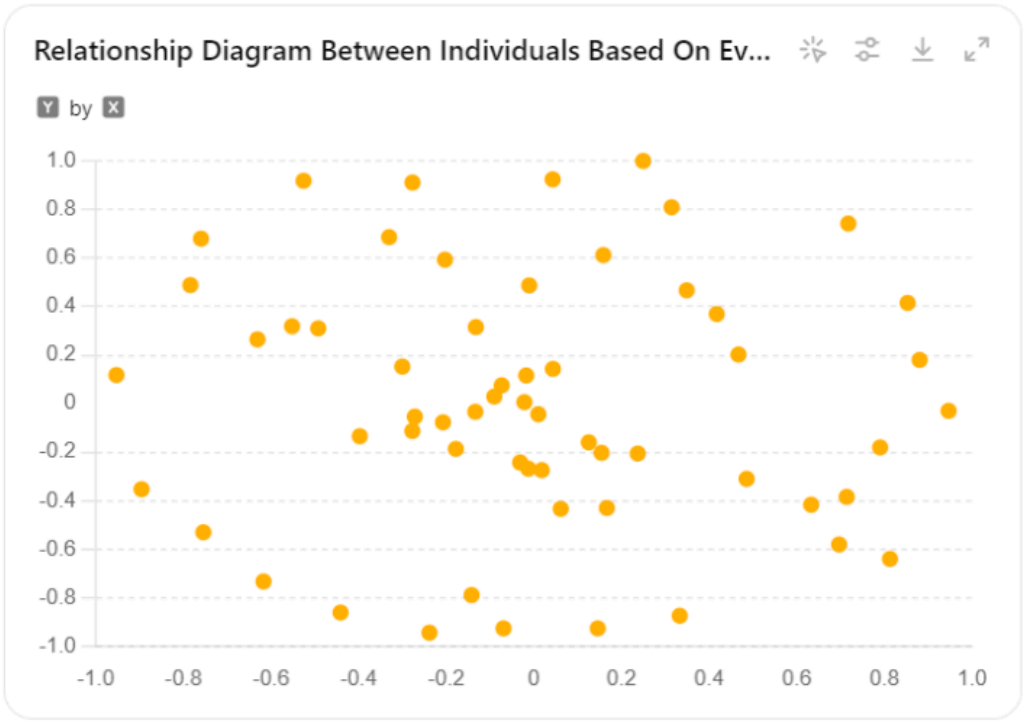
Since mid-June I've been thinking about creating a diagram. While I might be able to verbalize the various relationships, I've struggled to diagram them. So, I decided to start with a spreadsheet. Using the information in my RootsMagic file, I pulled events for various members of my Fan Club to create a 'time line'.

1	Year	Place	RIN	Surname	Given Name	Event
38	1799	Garrard County KY	219	Crawford	James	married 1441 Sarah Smith
39	1799	Garrard County KY	1441	Smith	Sarah	Married 219 James Crawford
40	1800	Garrard County KY	5228	Sellers	William	resident
41	1800	Garrard County KY	13256	Adams	Feathergill	tax list
42	1803	Garrard County KY	13256	Adams	Feathergill	purchase land on Sugar Creek
43	1804	Garrard County KY	1	Crawford	James	Land sold on headwaters Sugar Creek
44	1804	Garrard County KY	168	Douglas	Rebekah	Land sold on headwaters Sugar Creek
45	1810	Garrard County KY	174	Sellers	James	resident
46	1812	Garrard County KY	1443	Crawford	James	sold land on Paint Lick Creek
47	1820	Garrard County KY	174	Sellers	James	resident
48	1827	Garrard County KY	174	Sellers	James	death
49	1793	Green County KY	13295	Dooley	Moses	Land entry
50	1798	Green County KY	13312	Dooley	Reuben	land entry
51	1811	Jefferson County, Indiana	1443	Crawford	James	resident
52	1814	Jefferson County, Indiana	1443	Crawford	James	purchase land in Indiana
53	1820	Jefferson County, Indiana	1443	Crawford	James	resident
54	1836	Jefferson County, Indiana	1443	Crawford	James	death
55	1786	Lincoln County KY	168	Douglas	Rebekah	Land Purchase - headwaters Sugar Creek

Then I asked ChatGPT to take my spreadsheet and create a diagram.

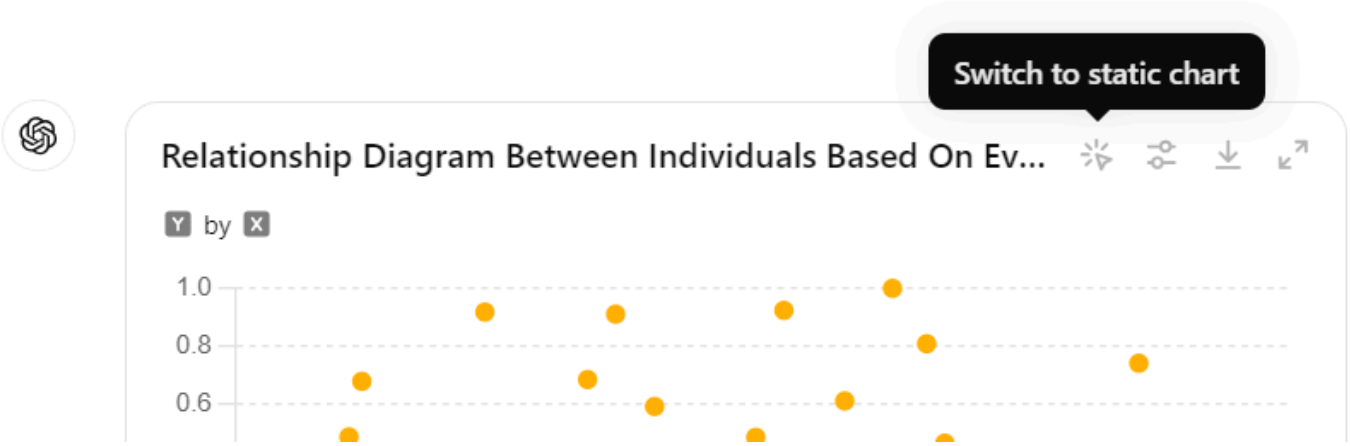


And it gave me back what looked like a ‘scatter plot’ with orange and yellow dots.

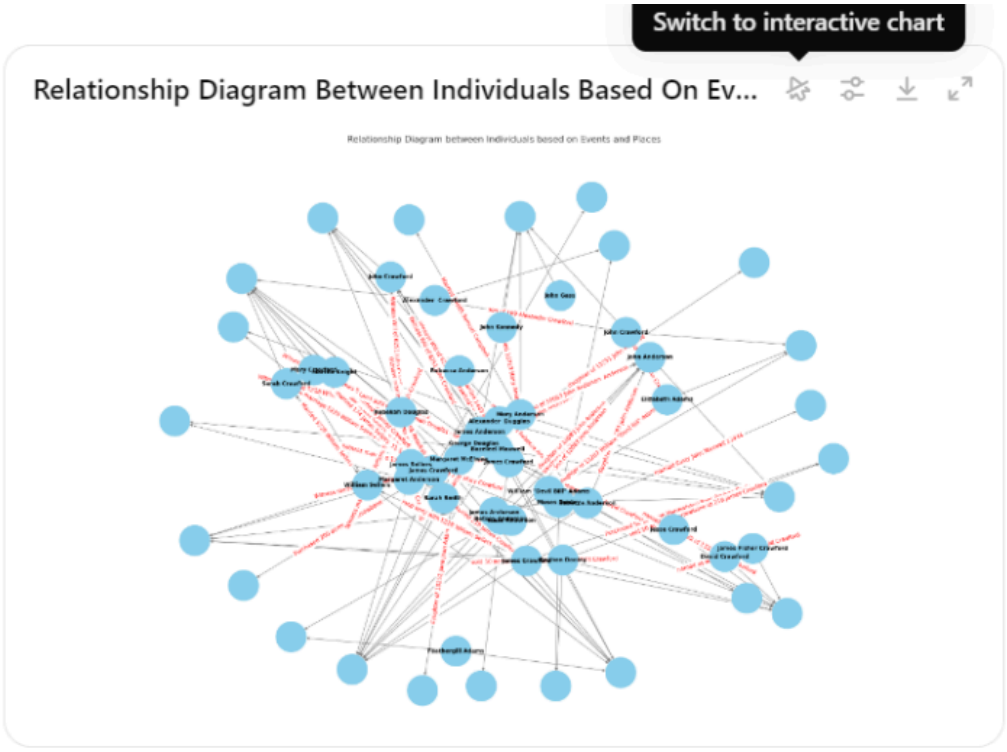


Here is the relationship diagram based on the individuals, events, and places from your spreadsheet. The nodes represent individuals and places, while the edges illustrate the relationships between them based on events. If you need any further analysis or specific details highlighted, please let me know!

In hopes of getting those dots labeled, I asked for it to identify the nodes. And ChatGPT kept giving me 'updated' diagrams with those orange and yellow dots. Then, I just happened to click on the icon to 'Switch to static chart'



That simple click changed my digram from the orange and yellow dots to a diagram with names and connecting information.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Relationship Diagram Between Individuals Based On Ev...
Relationship Diagram between Individuals based on Events and Places

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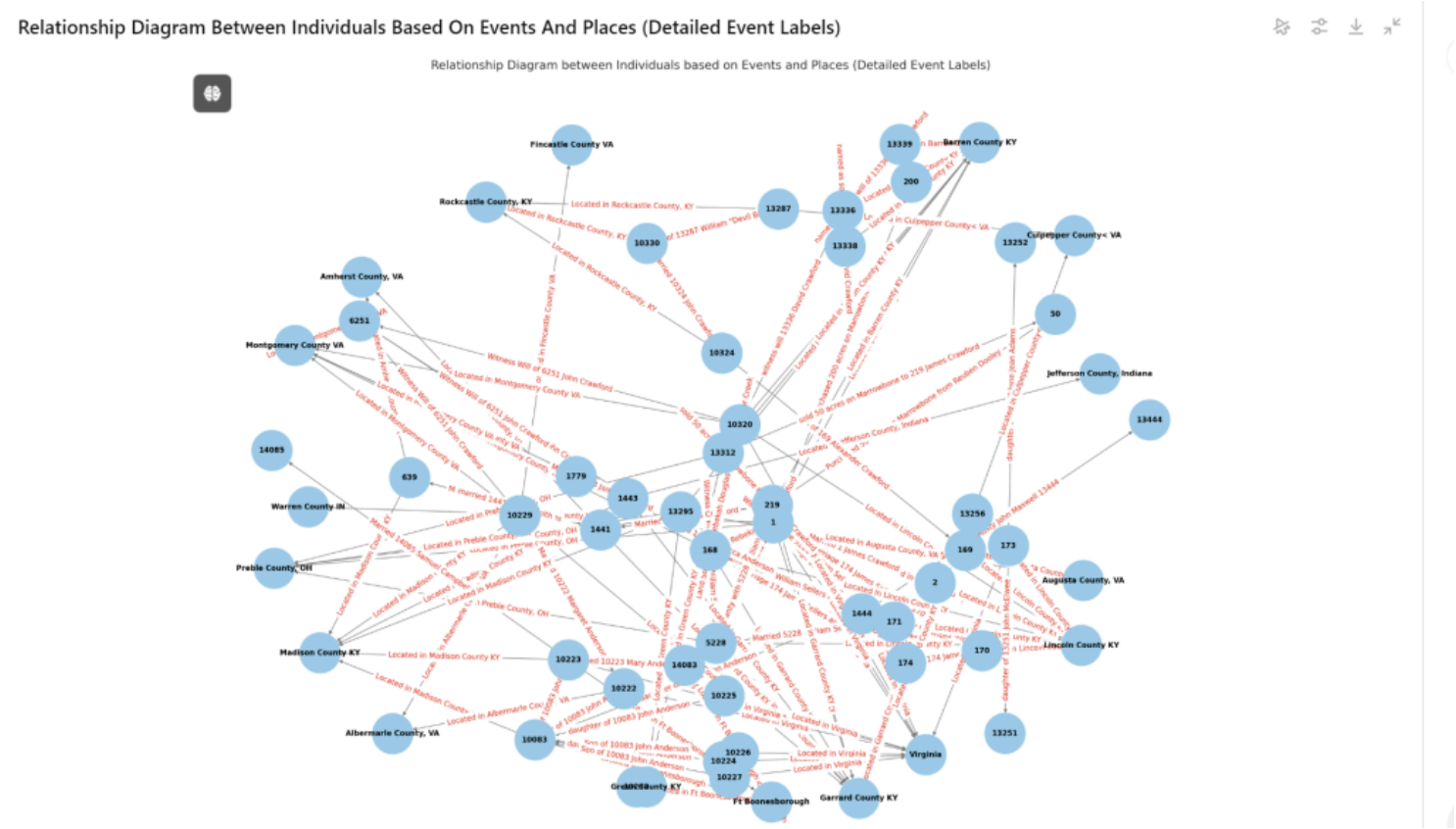
Working with this diagram, I asked ChatGPT to

- Label the nodes with individuals and places
- change the node labels to RINs for individuals and names for places
- show more detailed events
- Generate a more complex diagram

And it produced the following diagram using the RIN numbers for the individuals.



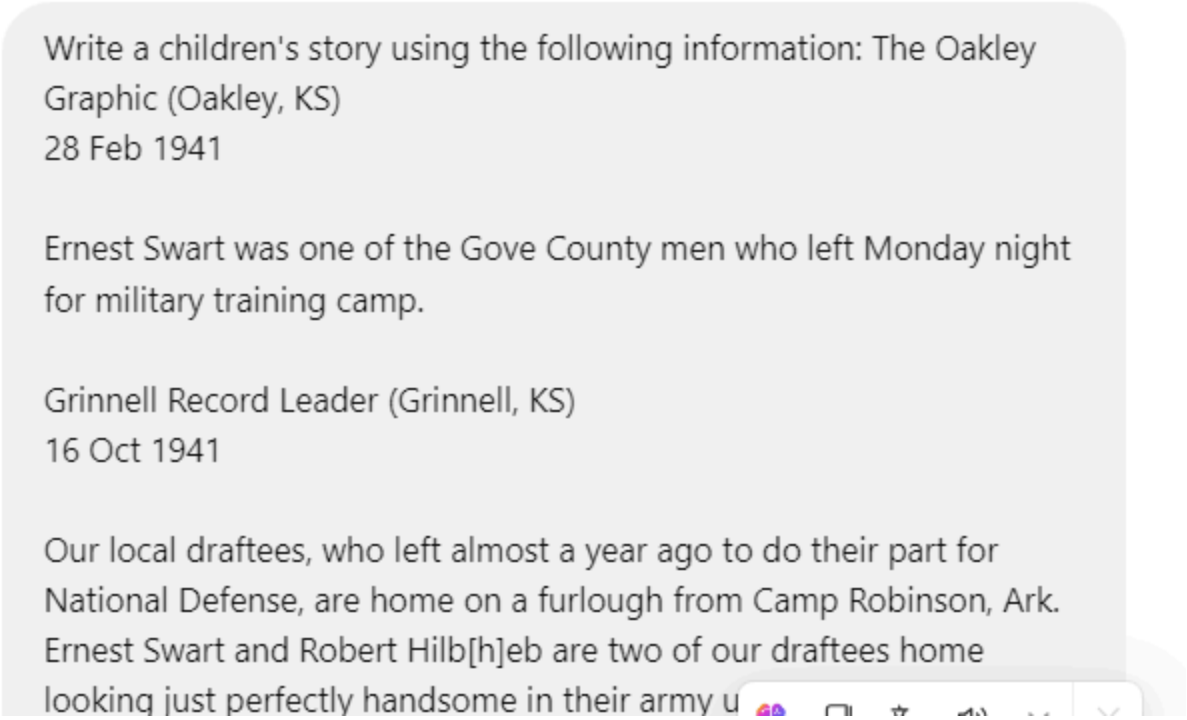
I was not able to re-create the diagram. However, I am still learning and will try again another day.

AI Children's Story

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 23, 2024
Artificial Intelligence,Nemaha County,Purple Heart

Have you seen the meme's about children's books being written by AI versus real authors? Curious about what AI (namely ChatGPT) would do when asked to write a story, I provided the text from one of my Purple Heart blogs and asked it to write a children's story.

Because I have been working with a family as they donate items to the Nemaha County Historical Society, I decided to use their cousin, Earnest Swart, for this trial.


Write a children's story using the following information: The Oakley Graphic (Oakley, KS)
28 Feb 1941
Ernest Swart was one of the Gove County men who left Monday night for military training camp.
Grinnell Record Leader (Grinnell, KS)
16 Oct 1941
Our local draftees, who left almost a year ago to do their part for National Defense, are home on a furlough from Camp Robinson, Ark. Ernest Swart and Robert Hilb[h]eb are two of our draftees home looking just perfectly handsome in their army u

While the results are somewhat fictionalized, this might be a way to share these stories of World War II veterans with children. Below is the children's story as composed by ChatGPT.

Ernest Swart: A Hero's Journey

Once upon a time in the small town of Oakley, Kansas, there lived a brave young man named Ernest Swart. Ernest was known for his kind heart and adventurous spirit. His journey began in February 1941, when he, along with other young men from Gove County, left home to serve in the military.

Ernest's first stop was at Camp Robinson in Arkansas, where he trained diligently and soon earned medals for his hard work. Ernest's dedication showed that he aimed to rise above the rank of buck private, and his efforts did not go unnoticed.

During his training, Ernest had the chance to come home on a furlough in October 1941. He and his friend Robert Hilbeb looked handsome in their army uniforms, proudly showing their medals to friends and family. It was a joyful reunion, filled with stories of their adventures and dreams for the future.

Christmas of 1941 found Ernest at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he attended motor maintenance school, honing his skills further. His grandmother, Mrs. George Gilkerson, shared the joy of his accomplishments with her family and friends, cherishing every letter and update from Ernest.

In January 1943, Ernest took a significant step in his military career by joining the U.S. Army Air Forces. He trained at various locations, including Santa Ana, California, and eventually became a Cadet Lieutenant. Ernest's letters home were filled with excitement about his flying lessons and the progress he was making. He

even shared details about the wonderful orchestra that played for them, including members from famous bands like Glenn Miller's and Tommy Dorsey's.

By May 1944, Ernest had become a pilot on a B-24 Liberator. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Swart, visited him in California before he was scheduled to go overseas. His sister, Captain Dorothy Swart, serving with the WACs in England, sent her support and love through cables and letters.

Ernest's journey took him to India, where the weather reminded him of western Kansas in 1935. He bravely flew missions over the dangerous terrain of the Himalayas, known as "the Hump." His letters home described the challenges and triumphs of these missions, always filled with hope and determination.

Tragically, on January 18, 1945, Ernest went missing in action during a mission over China. The news was a heavy blow to his family and the entire community. Later, it was confirmed that he had been killed in action, a hero who had given his life for his country.

Ernest's bravery and dedication were honored with several posthumous awards, including the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster. These awards were a testament to his gallantry and extraordinary achievements in aerial combat.

Ernest Swart's story is one of courage, dedication, and love for his country. Though he is no longer with us, his memory lives on in the hearts of his family and the community of Oakley. He will always be remembered as a hero who gave everything for the freedom and safety of others.

To take this one step further, I tried ElevenLabs' Natural Reader to convert the story to audio. Click here to listen.

Defense Schools

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 24, 2024
Artificial Intelligence,Nemaha County,World War II

In your historical or genealogical research during the 1930s or 1940s, have you ever heard of 'Defense Schools'? I was aware of WPA (Works Progress Administration) and CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) programs, but I had not heard of 'defense schools'. While researching a World War II Purple Heart recipient, I came across a local newspaper acticle discussing the Sabetha, Kansas, defense school in 1941.

Since the article indicated that this was a federally funded program, I tried to learn more. However a Google search was not of much help, so I tried the free AI tool, Perplexity.

> ***Perplexity Prompt: What can you tell me about the federal program from the 1930s and 1940s to establish defense schools?***
>
> Answer
>
> During the 1930s and early 1940s, there was no specific federal program dedicated to establishing "defense schools" in the United States. However, there were some educational initiatives and programs that had connections to national defense during this period:
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> 1. The National Defense Education Act (NDEA) of 1958, while outside the timeframe you mentioned, was a significant federal initiative that came later in response to the launch of Sputnik. It provided funding for math, science, and foreign language education to improve national defense capabilities[3].
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> 2. In the early 1940s, amendments to the Lanham Act of 1940 provided temporary "impact aid" to school districts that hosted federal defense facilities. This was a federal subsidy program to support education in areas affected by defense-related activities[2].
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> 3. During the late 1930s and early 1940s, there was a shift in focus towards defense-oriented training in some existing programs. For example:
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> – The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), while not primarily an educational program, began incorporating defense-oriented training for its participants. With the passage of the National Defense Vocational Training Act of 1941, CCC enrollees started participating in defense-oriented training[4].
>
> – By 1940, an increasing number of CCC projects were directed towards developing infrastructure for military training facilities and forest protection[4].
>
> 4. The federal government did provide some limited support for higher education during this period, particularly in areas related to national defense. For instance, in the late 1940s, lawmakers supported research grants and graduate student fellowships to study science and medicine[3].
>
> It's important to note that during the 1930s and early 1940s, education was still primarily the responsibility of state and local governments. The federal government's role in education was limited, and there was no comprehensive federal program specifically for establishing defense schools. The more significant federal involvement in education, particularly related to national defense, came later in the 1950s with programs like the National Defense Education Act[1][3].
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> Citations:
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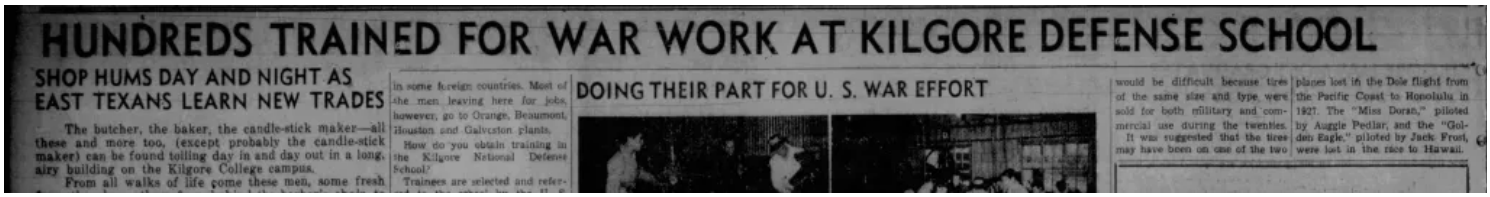
Dissatisfied with Perplexity's answer, I did a search on Newspapers.com for 'Defense School' and found a wealth of articles from across the country.



HUNDREDS TRAINED FOR WAR WORK AT KILGORE DEFENSE SCHOOL

SHOP HUMS DAY AND NIGHT AS EAST TEXANS LEARN NEW TRADES

The butcher, the baker, the candle-stick maker—all these and more too, (except probably the candle-stick maker) can be found toiling day in and day out in a long, airy building on the Kilgore College campus.

From all walks of life come these men, some fresh

in some foreign countries. Most of the men leaving here for jobs, however, go to Orange, Beaumont, Houston and Galveston plants.

How do you obtain training in the Kilgore National Defense School?

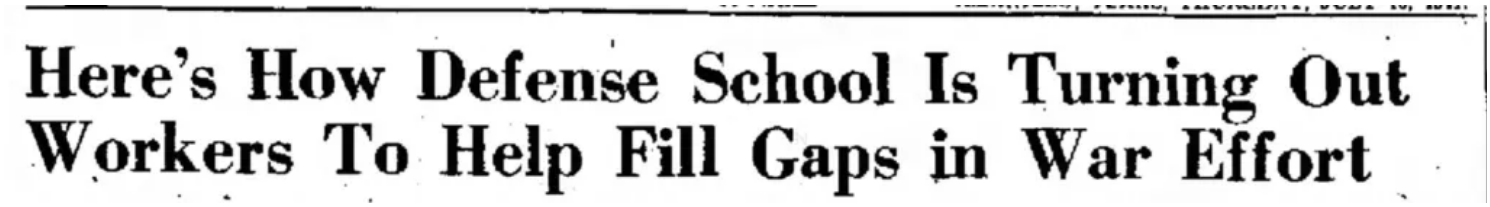
Trainees are selected and refer-

DOING THEIR PART FOR U. S. WAR EFFORT

would be difficult because tires of the same size and type were sold for both military and commercial use during the twenties.

It was suggested that the tires may have been on one of the two planes lost in the Dole flight from the Pacific Coast to Honolulu in 1927. The "Miss Doran," piloted by Auggie Pedlar, and the "Golden Eagle," piloted by Jack Frost, were lost in the race to Hawaii.

The Kilgore News Herald (Kilgore, Texas) Sun, May 17, 1942 ·Page 20



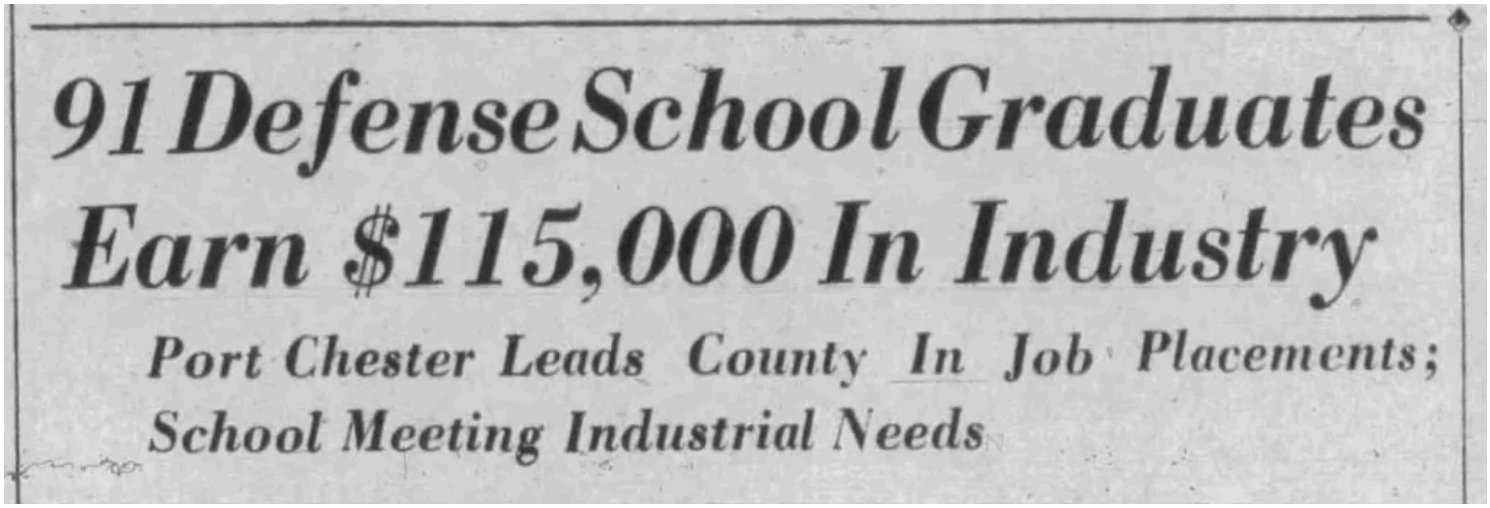
Here's How Defense School Is Turning Out Workers To Help Fill Gaps in War Effort

The Amarillo Globe-Times (Amarillo, Texas) Thu, Jul 10, 1941 ·Page 1

Pottsville Defense School Has Placed 35 Men in Jobs

Thirty-five young men of Potts-

Pottsville Republican (Pottsville, Pennsylvania) Sat, Feb 22, 1941 ·Page 6



91 Defense School Graduates Earn $115,000 In Industry

Port Chester Leads County In Job Placements; School Meeting Industrial Needs

The Daily Item (Port Chester, New York) Thu, Aug 07, 1941 ·Page 1

Having established that the term 'defense school' was widely used in 1941, and that the federal government supported these schools, I returned to Perplexity to see what else I could learn.

> ***Prompt: What federal program paid for the cost of equipment and instructors to operate 'defense schools' in 1941.***
> Answer:
> Based on the search results provided, there is no specific mention of a federal program in 1941 that paid for the cost of equipment and instructors to operate 'defense schools'. However, the search results do provide some relevant context about federal involvement in education during that time period:
>
> 1. In 1941, the Lanham Act was passed, which provided federal support to communities affected by military and federal installations[1]. This act eased the burden on these communities by making payments to school districts, though it did not specifically establish 'defense schools'.

2. The U.S. Office of Education was involved in education-related activities during World War II. In 1941, they published a document titled “Defense Program and School Plants”[3][4]. While this doesn’t directly indicate a program funding defense schools, it suggests the federal government was considering the impact of defense needs on education.
3. The concept of federal involvement in education for defense purposes became more prominent later, particularly after the launch of Sputnik in 1957. This led to the passage of the National Defense Education Act in 1958, which provided federal funding for education, especially in science, mathematics, and foreign languages[5].

It’s important to note that prior to World War II, federal involvement in education was limited. The search results indicate that significant federal education initiatives mostly emerged during and after World War II[1].

If there was a specific program in 1941 funding ‘defense schools’, it’s not mentioned in the provided search results. To find more precise information about such a program, if it existed, would require additional research focusing specifically on education initiatives in 1941 related to national defense.

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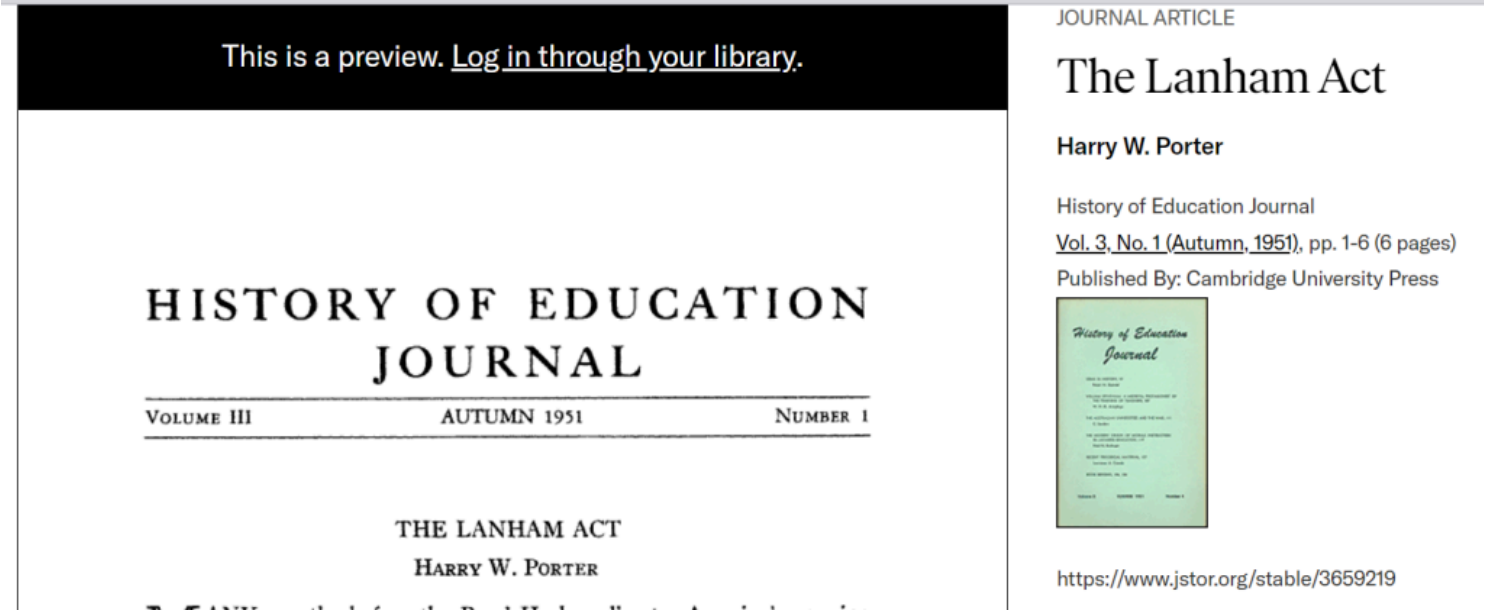
[5] https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/minute/Sputnik_Spurs_Passage_of_National_Defense_Education_Act.htm

When I followed the citation link to the JSTOR document, I found the article, “The Lanham Act” by Harry W. Porter which was published in the History of Education Journal in 1951. Since I don’t have access to JSTOR, I can’t read the actual article. However, it likely provides background information on defense schools.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History of Education Journal
Vol. 3, No. 1 (Autumn, 1951), pp. 1-6 (6 pages)
Published By: Cambridge University Press
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Thanks to the following article published in The Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, Kansas) on 19 Nov 1941, I have learned about the national training program referred to as ‘defense schools’.

Defense School Hums
Boys Learn All About Motor Cars In New Sabetha Course.

Inspired by the talks of M. R Wilson and W. O. Stark at Thursday evening’s Kiwanis club meeting, George Hughes and Bill Tennal took occasion of the opportunity to visit the Sabetha Defense School following the meeting. The school is in session every evening except Saturday and Sunday in the Lonnie Fletchall garage building just north of the Methodist church. Hours are from six to ten o’clock. The class is worth visiting.
The Kiwanians found the small building a beehive of activity. Legs were sticking out from under cars at all angles. Hands and faces were greasy. Boys of the school were going ahead with their work of repairing four or five vehicles. Some of the cars had been torn down completely, to determine not only what made them tick, but

also to find breakages and troubles that owners did not know their cars had.
School teacher-mechanic Earl W. Willard of Morrill, who is the instructor of the school, said one of cars had been giving brake trouble that garage mechanics had been unable to cure. Because of the completeness with which the school boys disassembled the car, a defective part was found far from the apparent seat of the trouble, and proper correction was made.
Car owners provide the cars on which the boys work, and pay only for the parts used in making the repairs. Some engines the boys find, need to be rebored. If owners don't wish to go to that expense, less costly substitutions are made by the school, such as installing oversize pistons. Thus, in the course of the work, the boys learn not only how things should be done, but how different solutions for mechanical troubles can be found.
The students proceed with the work on the cars after having been told what to do. They use their own initiative in going ahead, but Instructor Willard inspects all work before it is okayed. If he finds the work has not been properly done, it must, of course, be corrected.
Each boy keeps a record of just what work he has done. He must make a weekly report on his work. Willard then looks it over to see if proper results have been obtained. Thus he is able to keep an accurate check on the progress of his students.
The federal government pays all expense of the instruction and buys the equipment, but the administrative part of the work is under the city school system, under direct supervision of W O. Stark. Tools bought by the government are used. These include that equipment necessary to make repairs, and determine mechanical deficiencies. There are portable drills and drill presses, wrenches of all kinds, micrometers, etc. Work done covers brake relining, valve grinding, wheel alignment, general overhauling and a certain amount of motor car electrical work, although this phase is suggested as a separate nine weeks' course.
Mr Willard says boys are able to learn more about automobile mechanics in nine weeks in the school than they could learn in several years of work in a garage. This is because work in a garage keeps an apprentice doing a great deal of unimportant mechanical work but affords no opportunity for him to learn for instance, how to proceed in removing a motor or a crank-shaft or a cylinder head. Mr Willard says one of his students of last year had worked for two years in a garage, but felt he had learned a great deal more about motor mechanics in the short school course than in all of his time in the garage.
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State Employment office. In the mean time, the boys are trained to an extent that they are able to obtain employment in civilian occupations, no doubt in many cases replacing men who are going into defense industry.
Supt. Stark is enthusiastic about the defense school training, and believes it should be made a permanent part of Sabetha's educational program. It will continue here indefinitely if students are available to feed it. In fact, if enrollment becomes too great for one school at any time, a second-course could be installed here, operating during the afternoon, the evening course following immediately afterward.
Mr. Stark hopes students will be available for a second school immediately upon the completion of the present course. If such students do not appear, it is possible the present group may be offered a different course, perhaps in welding or electricity. Young men interested should get in touch with Mr Stark at once. Anyone who is out of school, and is between the ages of 17 and 24 inclusive is eligible, regardless of his place of residence.
At present Sabetha's most serious defense school problem is that of housing. The school is very crowded in its present quarters, and the work conflicts somewhat with the regular daytime use of the building. A location which could be devoted exclusively to the school is sorely needed. If such could be made available, it is likely the training could be made so attractive to young men that the program could be made a permanent part of the community's school program.
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John Crawford Deed

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 25, 2024
Botetourt County,Crawford

Have you ever tried to figure out how someone fit into a family group based on the information from a deed? As I'm trying to locate Virginia records for any of the Crawford families who lived in Garrard county, Kentucky, I'm encountering records for other Crawford families. Thus, I'm trying to figure out the various family units.

Today's deed is from 1797 when John Crawford sold land to Alexander Henderson. This deed has the following clues:

- John Crawford resided in Mercer county, KY in 1797
- first tract of land on Patterson's Creek and Craig's Creek
- first tract of land borders land of Josiah Crawford
- second tract of land on south side Patterson's creek
- second tract has a line of land formerly property of John Crawford Dec'd

Could the John Crawford of this deed be John Crawford [G8ZB-YFL]?

- His father, John Crawford [G8ZB-R4G], died in 1796.
- He had an uncle named Josiah Crawford [LWRH-2T5]

Since I'm unsure of the identity of John Crawford, I left a 'discussion' on his FamilySearch profile. Hopefully, those familiar with the family can figure out whether the seller of the land is John Crawford [G8ZB-YFL].

Botetourt County Virginia

Deed Book 6, 1796-1799

007893749, Item 1

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This Indenture made 17th day May 1797 one thou
[sand] Seven hundred and Ninety Seven Between John Crawford
of Mercer County and State of Kentuckey of the one part & Alexa
ander Henderson of Botetourt County in Virginia of the other part
Witnesseth that for and in Consideration of the sum of Four hand
red pounds Lawfull Money of Virginia by the said Alexander
Henderson to the said John Crawford in hand paid doth bargain
and sell unto the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs t[wo]
Certain Tracts of Land lying in the said County of Botetourt and
Bounded as followeth to wit one tract Containing Eighteen acres
Begining at a Sycamore on the bank of [Patterson's] Creek and

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Runneth thence down the Several courses of the Creek one hundred
and ten poles to the mouth of Said Creek thence up Craigs Creek
forty poles to a Sycamore on the bank of said Creek Corner to the [land]
of Josiah Crawford Thence with the lines of the same South thirty
one Degrees West twenty four poles to Near a honey Locust North
sixty nine degrees west thirty nine poles to a stake [adct to a] Curry tree which
stands a small distance in Josiah Crawfords land and thence
the division line south thirty two degrees west fifty two poles West fifty two poles
to the Begining one other Tract containing twenty Six acres
Begining at a Hickory on the South Side Pattersons Creek in a line
of the land formerly the property of John Crawford Decd and [run]
ing thence South ten Degrees East twenty Eight poles to four Walnut Sapl
in at the foot of a hill South Twenty five Degrees East Seventy Eight poles

to three black Oak Saplin North fifty two Degrees East thirty poles to two
White Oakes East forty four poles to a White Oak North ten Degrees West
Eighteen poles to a Sycamore on Craig's Creek and up the same to the
mouth of Patterson Creek thence up the said Creek to the Begining
To have and to hold the said Tracts of Land with the appurtenances
to the said Alexander Henderson his heirs to the sole use and behoof
of him the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs forever and the
Said John Crawford Crawford for himself and his heirs do covenant with
the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs that he the said
John Crawford and his heirs the said Lands with their appurte
ances unto the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs again
all persons whatsoever shall and will forever Warrant and Defend
by this presents to witness whereof the said John Crawford

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Hath hereunto set his hand and seal this day an year above
written
John Crawford (seal)

Signed sealed and
Delivered in presence of
B Pitzer, James Ochiltree
James Anderson Junr

At Botetourt October court 1797

This Indenture of Bargain & Sale & was [entered]
in Court and proved by the Oath of James Ochiltree one of the
Witnesses thereto and ordered to lie for further proof and at another
Court held for said County in January 1799 the Same was fully
proved by the Oath of Barnard Petzer and James Anderson
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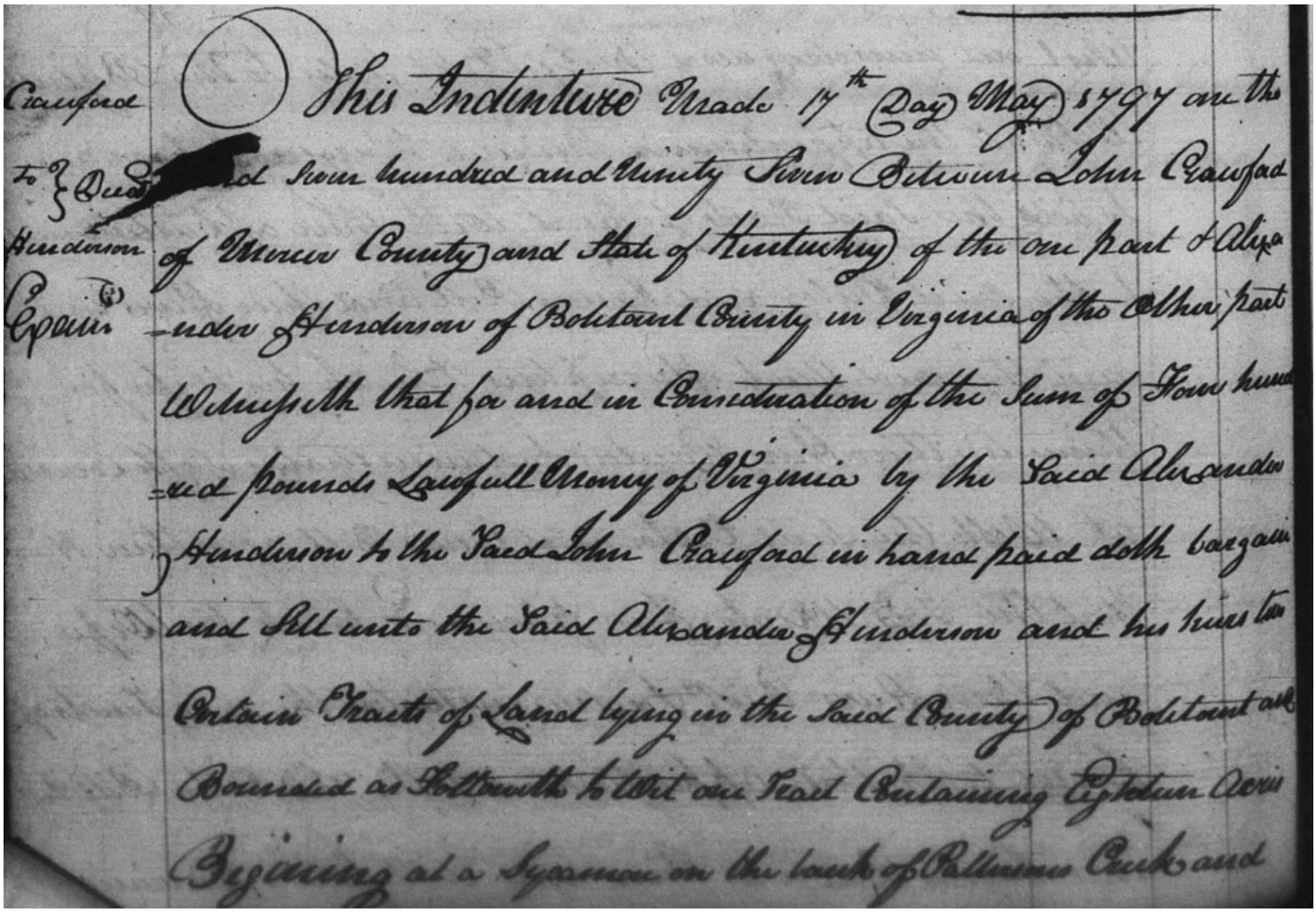

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Runs thence down the several Courses of the Creek one hundred and ten poles to the Mouth of said Creek thence up Craigs Creek forty poles to a Sycamore on the bank of said Creek Runs to the line of Josiah Crawford thence With the lines of the same South thirty one Degrees West twenty four poles to Near a honey Locust North Sixty nine Degrees West thirty nine poles to a Stake & Corry Tree (Marked to a) which Stands a Small Distance in Josiah Crawfords Land and thence the Division line South thirty two Degrees West fifty two poles to the Beginning one other Tract Containing ~~Four~~ twenty Six Acres Beginning at a Hickory on the South Side Pattersons Creek in a line of the Land formerly the property of John Crawford Dec^d and running thence South ten Degrees East twenty Eight poles to four Walnut Saplins at the foot of a hill South seventy five Degrees East Seventy Eight poles to three Black oak Saplins North fifty two Degrees East thirty poles to two White Oaks East forty four poles to a White Oak North ten Degrees West Eighteen poles to a Sycamore on Craigs Creek and up the same to the Mouth of Pattersons Creek thence up the said Creek to the Beginning To have and to hold the said Tracts of Land with the Appurtenances to the said Alexander Henderson & his heirs to the Sole use and behoof of him the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs Forever and the said John Crawford for himself and his heirs do Covenant with the the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs that he the said John Crawford and his heirs the said Lands with their appurtenances unto the said Alexander Henderson and his heirs against all persons whatsoever Shall and Will forever Warrant and Defend by these presents In Witness Whereof the said John Crawford

(617) Hath hereunto Set his hand and Seal this day) an Year above Written

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of } John Crawford (Seal)

B Pitzer, James Achitree

James Anderson Junr }

At Botetourt October Court 1798

This Indenture of Bargain & Sale was Returned in Court and proved by the oath of James Achitree one of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to lie for further proof and at another Court held for said County in January 1799 the same was fully proved by the Oath of Barnard Pitzer and James Anderson Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded

A Copy Teste Wm Pitt Dcr

Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 26, 2024
Henry County Illinois,Mentzer,Minnick

Nettie Frink

Do you have any diaries in your files? If so, do you know the provenance for the diary?

I have a typed copy of what is titled as 'Nettie Frink's Visit to Illinois (17/7-8/12/1892). Unfortunately, I have no idea how this document came to be in my files.

Annette "Nettie" Frink was the oldest daughter of Oliver Frink and his wife, Barbara Minnick. Thus, Nettie was a niece to my second great grandmother, Emiline Minnick. Emiline's eldest son, Charles Mentzer, is mentioned in the diary. Charles and Nettie are first cousins.

I've uploaded a PDF copy of the diary to Nettie's FamilySearch profile: MC5M-T6R.

Thanks to ChatGPT, I was able to quickly obtain a transcription of the diary.

> NETTIE FRINK'S VISIT TO ILLINOIS (7/7-8/12/1892). -1-
> Thursday, 7/7/92: Arrived in Kewanee about ten o'clock. Grandpa and Aunt Lib met me at the train. Went around through the principal streets and arrived at Aunt Lib's about eleven. Aunt Lib had me go and lie down and I slept until dinner was ready. Helped with the dishes, put on a cooler dress and laid down again until Aunt Lib came and woke me up and said that Millie Porter had come to see me. We had a very pleasant visit. After she had gone, we went down to Aunt Lou's. Carrie and her grandma were there too. After supper we went to prayer meeting. Met quite a number of the young people. Went right to bed as soon as I got home.
> Friday, 7/8/92: About ten o'clock Carrie and her Grandmother came down. Then I went back with them. They took us all through the greenhouse. I went in to see Grandpa Tunnicliff's plants. Then came back to Aunt Lib's and wrote a card to the folks at home. Found a man here fixing Aunt Lib's organ. In the afternoon Carrie, Aunt Lib, and I went calling. Called on Mrs. Porter and Aunt Barbara Keneval. I met Aunt Annie Miner, Cliff, and Fred on the way. Carrie came to tea with me and stayed all night. Grandpa had me read the chapter in the bible.
> Saturday, 7/9/92: We got up about six and after breakfast Aunt Lib, Carrie, and I went down town, saw all of the cousins and saw Frank Miles, went all through Lyman-Lays store. I went to dinner with Carrie. After dinner Carrie and Emma Miner came around after me and we called at Wilse Minnick's, Fan's, Mary Holt's, Will Palmer's, and Addie Rolston's. Stayed to tea there. There were about a dozen of us. Before tea Ern and Fred Miner came around in a surry and took Carrie and me on a nice ride. After tea we had some music. Then Emma, Lula, Ern, Carrie, Fred, and I went out to the lake. We went over to the summer house. Then came back and took a lovely boat ride. Got home a little after ten. The moon was full.
> Sunday, 7/10/92: After I made my bed I took a bath and then studied the S.S. lesson. Went to church with Aunt Lib and Grandpa and stayed to S.S. Carrie and Charlie Mentzer came home to dinner with us. After dinner we sang and played until nearly four, then we went out to the old cemetery. Aunt Lib, Grandpa, Charley, Carrie, and I. We went around past Miners and Carrie and I stopped in a few minutes. We reached home, got a lunch, started to the Baptist Church, but met Miss Miles and she told us that Mr. Delano was away so we went to the Methodist Church.
> Monday, 7/11/92: Got up early this morning and did what little washing we had to do before nine o'clock. Carrie brought her washing over to Aunt Lib's and we all three washed. After dinner Aunt Lib and I went over to Carrie's and we all went over to Palmers'. Stopped at the post-office on our way over. Spent a very pleasant afternoon. Stayed to tea, then Uncle Aar took us out and showed us his stock etc. Started home about eight. On the way home Carrie and I stopped in one of the stores and got a Splasher to work on. Stopped into Gambles a few minutes too.
> Tuesday, 7/12/92: Carrie came over this morning and we sang a while, then went over to Aunt Lou's, saw Aunt Annie Stone. They were ironing so we didn't stay long, but came home and I ironed my clothes. In the afternoon Carrie, Emma, and I went down to Lula's, stayed to tea. After supper we girls, six of us, Lula, Emma, Bess, Miss Haney, Carrie, and myself went to watch the boys play tennis. Watched them about an hour, then went back to Lula's. In the evening Mr. Murchison, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Low, Mr. Hamilton, and Fred Miner came. On our way home we got caught in a storm. I was dripping wet when I reached home.

Wednesday, 7/13/92: Hung my clothes out to dry about the first thing this morning. About ten o'clock I went over after Carrie and we went down to Fan's. When we reached there found her pretty badly used up with toothache. I worked on my splasher, got a good deal done on it. Stayed there to dinner. About five o'clock Lula and Emma called for us and we went down to Mrs. Stanton's. Bess and Mate Haney were there. Alice had fixed lovely bouquets of sweet peas for each of us to wear. We had tea at about half past six. After tea we all went over to Mrs. Gleason's, saw Bird and her baby. Carrie and I stopped in to Fan's on our way home. Got back about eight or a little after.

Thursday, 7/14/92: I got ready and about ten o'clock went down after Carrie and we went to Uncle Will Minnick's. We spent almost all fore-noon looking at pictures. In the afternoon, we worked on our splashers, tried the piano, looked at books, went all over the new house, attic and all. About six we had tea, Paul, Zella, Carrie, and I were the only ones who ate at our table. Zella came up home with us. We stopped in to see Aunt Susie, She seemed so glad to see us. When I got home, found Aunt Lou and Aunt Annie and Grandma Minnick here.

Friday, 7/15/92: Went down town this morning and got me an india linnen waist. When I got home I wrote a letter to Georgia Nye and helped Aunt Lib on my waist, then set the table for dinner. After dinner we got at my waist again and got it nearly finished. Carrie came over to read her letter to us. Tonight is the first night I've taken tea at home for over a week. About eight o'clock I went around after Carrie and we went for Emma, then went to the party at Palmer's, Had a lovely time, Mr, Hamilton brought Carrie and I home. Got home at twelve.

Saturday, 7/16/92: About ten o'clock this forenoon Carrie and I went down town and had our pictures taken. At noon Grandpa brought me a package from home. Found a silver thimble and a nice handkerchief in it. Aunt Lib had a chicken for dinner in honor of my birthday. After dinner we went out calling. Called at Gamble's, saw Sue and the baby. From there we went to Mrs. Holmes. Had a very pleasant call, met her sister, Miss Watson. Reached home about six o'clock. After supper Jennie Smailing came in, brought her sister's child, I went to bed about nine o'clock.

Sunday, 7/17/92: Carrie came over to go to church with us. After studying the lesson awhile, we three went to the Baptist church, Harry Miles preached. We were in Annie Miles' class in S.S. After S.S. went to Aunt Lou's for dinner, found Aunt Susie, Willie, and her mother there. After dinner we came back to Aunt Lib's. Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls were here when we came. After they had gone Charlie Mentzer came, had been to the Y.M.C.A. He hadn't been here long when Ella, Chan, and his wife came. They left the baby at home asleep. When they had gone Carrie and I read out loud to one another, then had tea, and went to the Methodist Church.

Monday, 7/18/92: Had quite a large washing, but got it all out by nine o'clock. Commenced raining about ten or half-past, but got the clothes dry. Carrie and John Tunnicliffe's three little girls came over after me to go to Eddie's, Fan's, etc., but I felt too tired to. Was glad I didn't when it commenced to rain. Grandpa brought me a letter from Libbie this noon. I finished my splasher this afternoon and sent a letter to the folks. Grandpa brought me some bananas for supper. After supper Aunt Lib and I went over to Grandma Tunnicliff's. I read my letter to them. Emma Miner came in while we were there.

Tuesday, 7/19/92: I did all of my ironing before it got so hot. After I did the ironing I went up town, did some trading and got the proof of our pictures. Don't like mine at all, but suppose I'll have to take it. Carrie came over and spent the afternoon with me. Emma and May Smailing were here too. After they had gone, we went up town. Aunt Lib got me a lovely dish of ice cream. After supper I went in and sang, then we went over to Mrs. Van Sickles to call. When we came back, Grandpa was sitting on the porch. He and I sat there and talked until nearly ten o'clock.

Wednesday, 7/20/92: I was intending to go down to Aar Palmer's this forenoon, but it was so very warm that I didn't go. Stayed at home and finished my waist. Thought I would go in the afternoon but it rained so, couldn't go. Stayed at home and read out loud to Aunt Lib while she sewed. Reading "Samantha among the Brethren". After supper we sang some and read out loud to one another. Got half way through the book. Went to bed a little after nine o'clock.

Thursday, 7/21/92: Aunt Lib helped me make my sun-bonnet. Part of the time I would read while she sewed, then she would read while I sewed. Grandpa brought me a letter from Ma, Grace, and Libbie at noon. After dinner Aunt Lib and I went up town, got me a stand cover to work on. On our way home stopped in to see Mrs. John Moffitt and Mrs. Pinny. From Mrs. Pinny's I went on home and read. Just as we were about to sit down to the supper table, Uncle Aar Palmer came around after us in a three-seated rig and wanted us to go out riding. We told him we hadn't had our supper yet but he told us to come anyway. So Aunt Lib left Grandpa's supper on the table and we went. Bess, Carrie, and Miss Spicer were in when we got in. Then Uncle Aar drove around and got Aunt Annie Stone, Aunt Lou, and Grace, that made nine of us, three in a seat. He took us on a long ride out to the brick yards and waterworks. They took Aunt Annie home first. Then Aunt Lib and I. Grandpa had gone to prayer meeting but we didn't get home in time. Ate our supper, then read until Grandpa came home, then we went out to the park to hear the band play. Got home at half-past nine.

Friday, 7/22/92: Got up at six o'clock and finished reading "Samantha among the Brethren." After

breakfast took a bath then got ready to start to Geneseo. We, Carrie and I, took the train at a quarter of ten. Aunt Lib went down to the depot with us. Passed through two stations, then came to Wyanett crossing, and had to wait there two hours and a half. Waited from eleven to half past one o'clock. Another young lady got off there and I recognized her as Lena Mason's sister. So we had company. There must have been at least fifteen freight trains passed through there while we were there. At half past one we took the Rock Island and Pacific road going northwest passed through four stations and some beautiful country, so level. When we reached Geneseo no one was there to meet us, but a man showed us where Mrs. Bliss's house was. We first stopped and got a dish of ice cream, then met Mrs. Bliss coming after us. We washed ourselves up and put on some cooler dresses. Then after supper went out to the park, went and called on Mrs. Steel and daughter. Geneseo is a beautiful little city. Carrie and I went to bed at ten. Jennie had gone on an excursion and when she came home she came in and sat on the bed and talked until nearly eleven.

Saturday, 7/23/92: Got up at about half past seven. After we ate our breakfast Carrie and I worked on our tidies. Then Jennie came in and wanted to know if we didn't want to go down town, so we three went, stopped into some of the nicest stores, went up into the photograph gallery. When we were coming home Jennie got us a glass of ice-cream soda. When we got home, played Halma until noon. After dinner Jennie, Carrie, Mrs. Bliss, and I took a double seated surry and went out to the Geneseo cemetery. It is a beautiful place. We went from there four miles southeast in the country to a cousin of Jennie. Went past the farm that Geo. and Flora used to live on. Stayed at Mrs. G's until five o'clock or after. They have a nice piano and we had some music. Miss Salem played for us and so did Jennie. Before we left we each had a glass of lemonade. When we got back to Geneseo it was nearly seven, but we rode around town until nearly nine. Saw so many nice houses and lovely lawns. We went out to the fairground north of town and drove around the race track once. When we got home it was after nine, had supper at about half-past nine. Had blueberries for supper.

Sunday, 7/24/92: After breakfast we got ready for church. Went to the Congregational church with Jennie and her mother. The sermon and singing were fine. They have a large pipe organ. Stayed to S.S., were in Jennie's class. After S.S., she showed us all through the church, downstairs and up. When we came home, put on cooler dresses and read some before dinner. After dinner Jennie played on the piano for us. About six o'clock Miss Haney came for us. We went to her home, met her sister and brother Dick. Had a nice glass of lemonade. Then went to church with Mate. They have a grand pipe organ there. When we got back, Mr. and Mrs. Hewlet, Jennie, her mother, Grandpa Bliss, Carrie, and I sat out on the porch and talked until eleven o'clock. Then we went in the house, had a lunch, and went to bed.

Monday, 7/25/92: Read almost all forenoon. Jennie had to give two music lessons. Started to Kewanee at one o'clock. Jennie went to the train with us. Had to wait at the crossing an hour and a half, from two until after three. Got into Kewanee a little after four. Aunt Lib didn't expect me on that train so was not there to meet me. When I got home, I washed myself up and worked on my stand cover. Aunt Lib went up town after something and left me here alone. I was too tired to go along. After supper Mrs. John Moffitt came around in her surry and took us out riding. We went all over town, out to the fairground and rode around the track. Didn't get home until nearly nine o'clock. Aunt Lib, Grandpa and I sat out on the porch a long time. It was so cool and pleasant.

Tuesday, 7/26/92: We washed today, got all through by half past ten. I wrote a letter to the folks. At noon Grandpa brought me a letter from Bird, and Carrie one from Lida. After dinner I took a bath. Mrs. Van Sickle came over to have Aunt Lib make her a basque. So this afternoon Aunt Lib sewed and I worked on my stand cover. After supper I took Carrie's letter over to her. She read it out loud to Grandma T. and I. Pretty soon Grandpa came and we sat on the porch until quite late.

Wednesday, 7/27/92: About eight o'clock Carrie came up to iron her shally on our ironing board. Then at nine we went down to the greenhouse to see the flowers they were making for Frank Reguah's funeral, but they had just taken them away. Went to the funeral, heard Mr. Delano preach. It was afternoon when we got home. Grandpa didn't go back to work until after two. In the evening Carrie came up then we went over to Smailings. Emma and May went to the social at Dr. Lowe's with us. Had the band there to furnish the music.

Thursday, 7/28/92: Stayed at home all forenoon, read and sewed. Took a short nap before dinner. Was invited to Miner's this afternoon, Carrie, Emma, and I went down town. On our way home, we stopped into Mr. Pierce's a few minutes. Then we went back to Miner's. Pretty soon Bess and Lula came. We had our tea about five o'clock. About that time it began to rain. Aunt Lib brought my rubbers down to me, Mr. Hamilton was there a little while and Clarence Murchison brought Lula's rubbers to her, Carrie and I didn't start home until nearly nine o'clock.

Friday, 7/29/92: Wrote a letter this morning, and helped Aunt Lib with the cakes. Grandpa brought some blueberries home this noon. Carrie came over about four o'clock. Emma Smailing was here, brought their croconole board over for this evening. Millie Porter was here to call, invited us there to tea Monday evening. Mrs. Gamble and Sue were here to call too. Charley Mentzer came into the party. There were about thirty-five here. I went to supper with Frank and Kate Miles. Carrie stayed all night with me.

Saturday, 7/30/92: After we got the work done up, had a dish of ice cream that was left from the party. About ten o'clock Carrie and I went up town, got our pictures, then went up to Aunt Lou's, stayed there to dinner and supper, then went down to Aaron Palmer's. In the evening, we went up town on a bum. Went and had a dish of ice cream, then went into Lay and Lyman's and got some candy. I went up to look at their cloaks. When we were going home we met Uncle Aar and Ern. They took us into a drugstore and got us a glass of whipped cream soda. Went home nearly used up.

Sunday, 7/31/92: Bess, Carrie, and I went to the Catholic church. The church is lovely and was crowded. It was confirmation Sunday. We came away before services were out. Wanted to go to the Methodist S.S. About four o'clock Mr. Stratton came. We sat and talked until nearly five then Carrie and I went home. Charley Mentzer was here when I got here. After tea Aunt Lib and I went to the Baptist church to Y.P. meeting, but church was locked. Went to the Epworth League and from there to the Primitive Methodist to a concert. I was with Bess and Mr. Stratton most of the time.

Monday, 8/1/92: Washed this morning, got through about nine o'clock. Aunt Lib made me a new collar for my wrapper. Went up to Emma Miner's about eleven, stayed until two o'clock. Belle and Fred were there for a while after dinner. Then we went downtown, went into Joe's store and got the children all something. Took them back home then went and called on the Miles family. From there, we went over to Mr. Porter's for tea. Mrs. Blackburn and Geo.'s wife and baby were there and Mrs. Good, Mill's sister. After tea we played and sang and Blanche Maul danced for us.

Tuesday, 8/2/92: About nine o'clock went over after Carrie. Uncle Aar and Aunt Prudence were there. We went up to Lyman and Lays and I had Mr. Lyman take my measure for a new jacket. From there we went to Cousin Will Minnick's. Was there to dinner. Met Fred and Nina King. Went from there to Will Palmer's, then to Addie's, then to Lula's, then to Fan's. Alice, Carrie, and I were there to tea. Joe wasn't there. After tea Lula and her mother came over and we all went to look at the house Uncle Geo. has rented. Lula and Clarence came part way home with me.

Wednesday, 8/3/92: Packed my trunk this morning. About nine o'clock Carrie and I went up to Ella Keneval's to dinner, had dinner about half past eleven. After dinner we went and bid the Miners goodbye, then went over to Grandma Minnick's. Started down to the depot about three. Went in to Lyman & Lays, then went to Uncle Will Minnick's. Aunt Lib, Grandpa, Grandpa Tunnicliff, Ella Keneval, Will Palmer, Clarence Murchison, Mr. Stratton, and Bess were at the train to see us off. Clarence gave me one of his pictures. Got into Galesburg about five o'clock. Uncle John, Grace, Sarah, and Virginia were at the train to meet us. We sat out in the yard until supper time. After supper Uncle John took his surry, and we went riding. Saw the Knox Co. Courthouse, Knox College and a good many other large buildings. The ride was delightful on the pavements.

Thursday, 8/4/92: After we made our beds, Nat hitched up for us and Carrie, Grace, Sara, Virginia and I went riding. Drove around the city awhile, then went into Brown's shops and Uncle John took us all through. We girls went up as far as we could get into the tower, and had a splendid view of the city. Went down on an elevator, then went all through the Methodist Church, looked at the audience room from the gallery. Went back to the shops with Moses Hubbard. When we got home it was nearly noon. Katie and Jimmy Mars were here to dinner. Katie stayed all afternoon. We played Old Maid, and Aunt Cornie played on the piano for us. Had supper about half past five, then Katie, Grace, Carrie, Sara, and I took the streetcar for Lake George. Uncle John, Aunt Cornie, and the children went in the surry. When we reached the lake, we all took the steamboat and went up the lake. On our way back we got out at a landing and went up into the park. It is a beautiful place. Stayed there until the boat came back again then went back to the boat house. Although it wasn't a very long ride I never will forget it. We girls waited for our car about twenty minutes, got home about nine.

Friday, 8/5/92: About nine o'clock Aunt Cornie, Horace, Katie Mars, Carrie, and I went in the surry to the timber about four miles east of town, stayed there until nearly noon, then drove over to Knoxville, went through the park, walked around the lake, then went around to see the St. Mary's College. It was a lovely building. Got back to Galesburg about one. They had all of them had their dinner. After dinner we rode down town, went into some of the stores, around to Brown's shops, into the Methodist church and watched them quilt. Went around past the seminary and the Alumni Hall. Got home just in time for supper. Had a watermelon for supper. We played games, swung, and read until time to go to the train. On our way to the train Uncle John took us in to see the fire engine rooms and the way they have the horses trained. It was wonderful. Started for home about ten o'clock. The train was crowded, but we got a good seat. Thus ends my Illinois trip.

Names from NETTIE FRINK'S VISIT TO ILLINOIS:

Thursday, 7/7/92:

- Grandpa
- Aunt Lib
- Millie Porter
- Aunt Lou

- Carrie Tunnicliff, Nettie's cousin
- Grandma (Carrie's grandma)

Friday, 7/8/92:

- Carrie
- Grandpa Tunnicliff
- Aunt Lib
- Mrs. Porter
- Aunt Barbara Keneval
- Aunt Annie Miner
- Cliff Miner
- Fred Miner

Saturday, 7/9/92:

- Carrie
- Emma Miner
- Wilse Minnick
- Fan
- Mary Holt
- Will Palmer
- Addie Rolston
- Ern
- Fred Miner
- Lula
- Summer House

Sunday, 7/10/92:

- Aunt Lib
- Grandpa
- Carrie
- Charlie Mentzer
- Miss Miles
- Mr. Delano (Baptist preacher)

Monday, 7/11/92:

- Carrie
- Aunt Lib
- Uncle Aar (Aaron Palmer)
- Post-office

Tuesday, 7/12/92:

- Carrie
- Aunt Lou
- Aunt Annie Stone
- Emma
- Lula
- Bess
- Miss Haney
- Mr. Murchison
- Mr. Stratton
- Mr. Low
- Mr. Hamilton
- Fred Miner

Wednesday, 7/13/92:

- Carrie
- Fan
- Lula
- Mrs. Stanton
- Bess
- Mate Haney
- Alice
- Mrs. Gleason
- Bird and her baby

Thursday, 7/14/92:

- Carrie
- Uncle Will Minnick
- Zella Stone
- Paul
- Aunt Susie
- Aunt Lou

- Aunt Annie
- Grandma Minnick

Friday, 7/15/92:

- Aunt Lib
- Carrie
- Emma Smailing
- Frank and Kate Miles

Saturday, 7/16/92:

- Carrie
- Aunt Lou
- Aaron Palmer

Sunday, 7/17/92:

- Carrie
- Mr. Stratton
- Charley Mentzer
- Aunt Lib
- Ella Keneval
- Chan and his wife

Monday, 7/18/92:

- Carrie
- John Tunnicliff's three little girls
- Grandma Tunnicliff

Tuesday, 7/19/92:

- Carrie
- Emma Smailing
- May Smailing
- Mrs. Van Sickles

Wednesday, 7/20/92:

- Aar Palmer

Thursday, 7/21/92:

- Aunt Lib
- Grandpa
- Ma
- Grace
- Libbie
- Mrs. John Moffitt
- Mrs. Pinny
- Miss Spicer

Friday, 7/22/92:

- Carrie
- Mrs. Bliss
- Lena Mason's sister
- Mrs. Steel

Saturday, 7/23/92:

- Carrie
- Jennie
- Miss Salem
- Mrs. G

Sunday, 7/24/92:

- Carrie
- Jennie
- Grandpa Bliss
- Miss Haney
- Mr. and Mrs. Hewlet

Monday, 7/25/92:

- Carrie
- Jennie
- Aunt Lib
- Mrs. John Moffitt

Tuesday, 7/26/92:

- Carrie
- Mrs. Van Sickle

Wednesday, 7/27/92:

- Carrie
- Emma and May Smailing

- Dr. Lowe
  Thursday, 7/28/92:
- Carrie
- Aunt Lib
- Mr. Pierce
- Mr. Hamilton
- Clarence Murchison
  Friday, 7/29/92:
- Carrie
- Emma Smailing
- Millie Porter
- Mrs. Gamble
- Sue
- Charley Mentzer
  Saturday, 7/30/92:
- Carrie
- Aaron Palmer
- Ern
  Sunday, 7/31/92:
- Bess
- Mr. Stratton
  Monday, 8/1/92:
- Carrie
- Emma Miner
- Belle
- Fred Miner
- Mrs. Blackburn
- Geo.'s wife and baby
- Mrs. Good
- Blanche Maul
  Tuesday, 8/2/92:
- Uncle Aar
- Aunt Prudence
- Mr. Lyman
- Cousin Will Minnick
- Fred and Nina King
- Will Palmer
- Addie
- Lula
- Fan
- Joe
- Alice
- Clarence Murchison
  Wednesday, 8/3/92:
- Ella Keneval
- Lyman & Lays
- Uncle Will Minnick

NETTIE FRINK'S VISIT TO ILLINOIS (7/7-8/12/1892). -1-

Thursday, 7/7/92: Arrived in Kewanee about ten o'clock. Grandpa and Aunt Lib met me at train. Went around through the principal streets and arrived at Aunt Lib's about eleven. Aunt Lib had me go and lie down and I slept until dinner was ready. Helped with the dishes, put on a cooler dress and laid down again until Aunt Lib came and woke me up and said that Millie Porter had come to see me. We had a very pleasant visit. After she had gone, we went down to Aunt Lou's. Carrie and her grandma were there too. After supper we went to prayer meeting. Met quite a number of the young people. Went right to bed as soon as I got home.

Friday, 7/8/92: About ten o'clock Carrie and her Grandmother came down. Then I went back with them. They took us all through the greenhouse. I went in to see Grandpa Tunnicliff's plants. Then came back to Aunt Lib's and wrote a card to the folks at home. Found a man here fixing Aunt Lib's organ. In the afternoon Carrie, Aunt Lib, and I went calling. Called on Mrs. Porter and Aunt Barbarah Kenreval. I met Aunt Annie Miner, Cliff, and Fred on way there. Carrie came to tea with me and stayed all night. Grandpa had me read the chapter in the bible.

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Sunday, 7/10/92: After I made my bed I took a bath and then studied the S.S. lesson. Went to church with Aunt Lib and Grandpa and stayed to S.S. Carrie and Charlie Mentzer came home to dinner with us. After dinner we sang and played until nearly four, then we went out to the old cemetary. Aunt Lib, Grandpa, Charley, Carrie, and I. We went around past Miners and Carrie and I stopped in a few minutes. We reached home, got a lunch, started to the

County Fair

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 27, 2024
Uncategorized

Do you have fond memories of attending or participating in a county fair? Since it is Fair Week in Seneca (Nemaha County), today's post recounts some of the history of the Nemaha County fair.

According to the Seneca Weekly Courier, the Board of Trade of Seneca appointed a Fair Committee in 1882.

> The Board of Trade of Seneca last week appointed a Fair Committee (consisting of Wm. Histed, Abijah Wells, Geo. A. Marvin, C. G. Scrafford, and Mort. Mathews) to look into the matter and work up something in that line. The first fact the committee learned was that the only piece of ground near Seneca in every way fitted for fair grounds was about to be sold; and in order to hold the same for fair use must be bought at once. Judge Histed and J. H. Williams therefore went to work, and on Friday last raised by subscription $2,300 for the purchase of forty-five acres of the piece of land owned by Edwin Knowles south of the depot; and C. C. K. Scoville having the agency for the sale, he and Judge Histed went to Sabetha and made the purchase for the amount raised, paying $2,257.55. The following-named gentlemen "put up" $100 each for the purchase: William Histed, Willis Brown, A. H. Burnett, Joshua Mitchell, G. R. Benedict, Abijah Wells, G. A. Marvin, A. L. Stone, J. H. Hatch, L. Cohen, R. E. Nelson, C. G. Scrafford, G. W. Williams, R. M. Emery, S. J. Edgerly, James Parsons, Mort. Mathews, H. C. Settle, West E. Wilkinson, G. W. Johnson, J. H. Williams, Thos. Bennett, sen., and E. M. Miller.
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> At a meeting called to determine further in the matter, Wm. Histed, Willis Brown, and Geo. W. Williams were appointed trustees to hold the land in trust, "to be disposed of as a majority of the purchasers determine."
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> The Board of Trade committee were also instructed to interview the Board of County Commissioners, and have the question of purchase of fair grounds submitted to vote at the November election. The law provides that the County may purchase and improve fair grounds, and appropriate not to exceed 13/4 mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the county for the purpose. The gentlemen who made the purchase above hold the land subject to the acceptance of the people upon re-payment of their investment. They bought the land simply to keep it within reach for fair grounds.
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> There has been considerable fair talk off and on for years; and we do not know of an individual resident of Nemaha county who does not want one. Parties who have talked the matter up in different parts of the county are sanguine that the question of purchase by the County Board will be ratified by a large majority of the voters. And hence there seems a prospect finally for a fair in Nemaha county; a fair that will be owned by the county, and thus remain permanent in the people.
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> There was some talk of holding a fair this fall; but upon discussion the matter has been dropped. The grounds are in no shape; the season is late; and we want to start the Nemaha County Fair in first-class shape, and make it a success from the first. That can be better done when the County purchase the grounds and possess the title. The fair will then be owned by all the people, and they will become personally interested in its management and success.
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> In the meantime The Courier is open to correspondents who have a word of encouragement. Let's all talk fair, vote for fair grounds, and then make our annual fair the one big thing of Nemaha county.

In the fall of 1872, the county voted on a bill to accept the land and reimburse the original purchasers. However, the citizens rejected the plan.

Last summer an association of our citizens bought about 40 acres of land adjoining Seneca, with a view of securing the most suitable site for county fair grounds, as it was likely to reach a price in a short time that would preclude its purchase for that purpose. This site was offered to the county at cost, to enable those most interested to take charge of the Fair Association if they desired to do so. It was submitted to the voters of the county at the recent election, and the proposition of the county buying the grounds was lost. It is unnecessary to reply to the misrepresentations of those who would rather not have a county fair if it could not be made tributary to their selfish interests, however inconvenient their location might be for the advantage of the county. These "dogs in the manger" are an unfortunate class of people, and they seldom accomplish much. Their work is to tear down, not to build up a county.

As soon as it was ascertained that the vote of last week had been adverse to the proposition submitted, the citizens who purchased the said site offered to turn the same over to any organization desiring to use the same for a county fair, at the same price they gave for it, although they could have sold it at an advance of $500. An

> organization was immediately begun, and will be completed within a few days, by which Nemaha county will have a fair in the autumn of 1883. It is proposed to organize under the laws of the State with a capital of $5,000 paid in; this to be divided into fifty shares of $100 each. Already 45 shares have been taken, and those who desire to unite with the association will need to apply at once, for the remaining shares will be taken before our next issue, which will contain further details of the organization. Application for shares may be made to the editor of The Courier; and while the success of the fair is beyond further question, and no outside subscriptions of stock are necessary, yet it is desired to offer a chance to such enterprising citizens throughout the county as would like to become members in the Association.

After the defeat, the citizens of Nemaha county came together to form the Nemaha County Fair Association.

> The stock-holders of the Nenana Fair Association met at the Armory on Tuesday evening for the adoption of by-laws for the government of the Association. There was a full attendance and $3,500 stock reported taken. The complete set of by-laws was adopted, requiring annual meetings the first Tuesday of March, and leaving the management otherwise in the hands of the directors. Officers are to be selected at Saturday's fair in Nenana on Wednesday next, Dec. 9, at 10 o'clock, by the directors.

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Saturday Night Genealogy FUn

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 28, 2024
Uncategorized

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) How many "Wills" for your grandparents' or great-grandparents' surnames are on the FamilySearch Full Text Search feature (see https://www.familysearch.org/search/full-text)?

2) List the surnames and how many entries there are when you do an exact name search. What does this tell you? Have you found Wills for all of your ancestors with these names?

3) Share a link to your blog post, or your Facebook Status post, on this post.

I followed the same procedure that Randy Seaver outlined in his blog post:

> NOTE: FamilySearch has been adding more data to the Wills collections. Here's how I did mine:
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> * On the Full-Text Search page (https://www.familysearch.org/search/full-text), I put my "Seaver" surname in quotes (to make it exact).
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> * I then used the "Record Type" filter to select "Legal Records."
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> * Then on the "Legal Records" filter, I selected "Wills" to show only the records in that category.

Since some of my ancestral surnames are spelled in various ways on records, I did the search for both spellings.

- Crawford – 66,386
- Hammond – 27,352
- Currey – 2,782 / Curry – 37,582
- Hutchinson – 21,093 / Hutchison – 13,579
- Briles – 402 / Broyles – 2,719
- Ricketts – 5,160
- Mentzer – 863
- Wells – 75,416

One word of caution: Performing this same search at an affiliate library or a family history center will increase the results. If a record is locked at home, it is likely locked for this search. By using an affiliate library, the record may become unlocked, thus increasing the number of results.

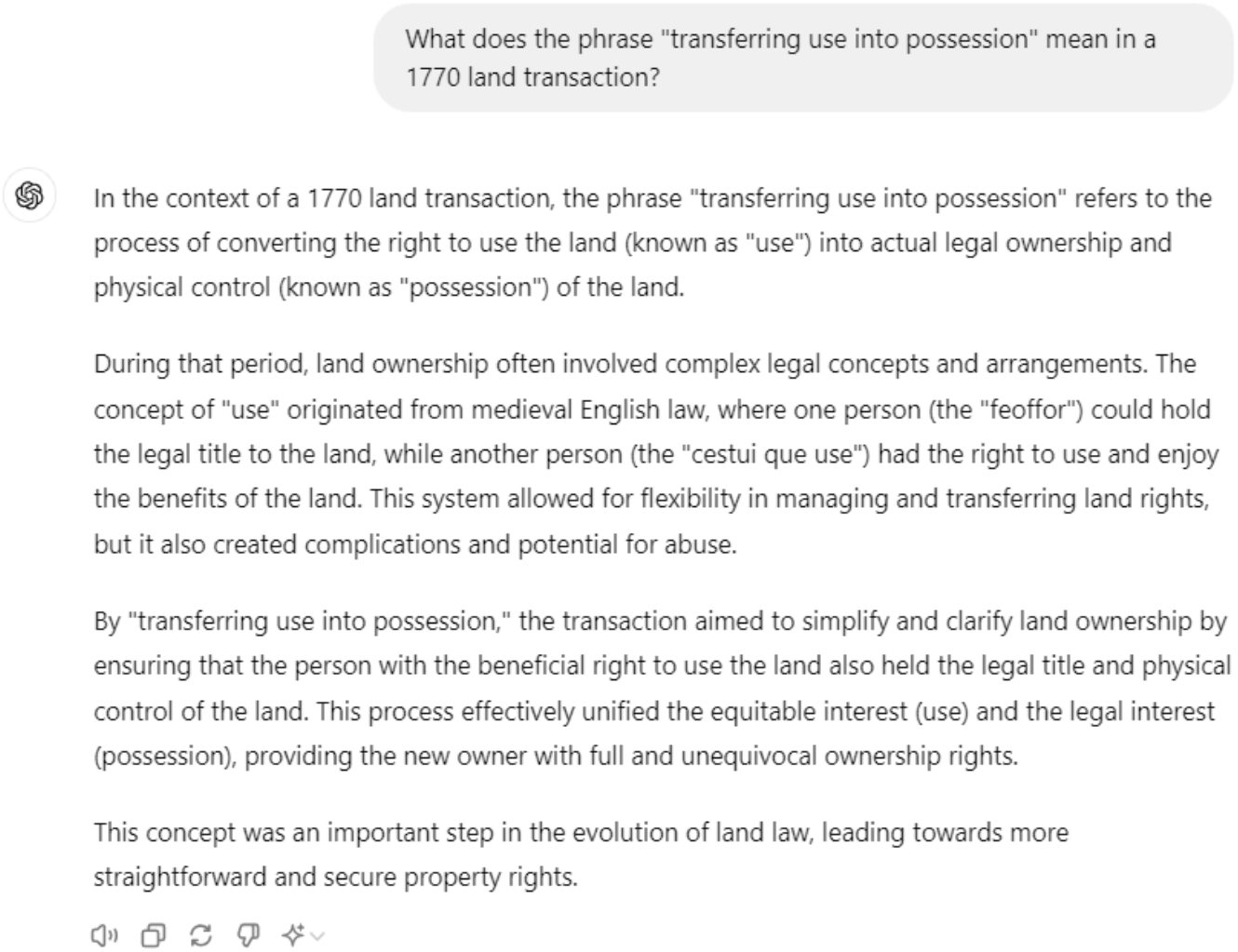
Transferring Use

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 29, 2024
Artificial Intelligence,Botetourt County,Crawford,Virginia

Do you regularly use deeds in your genealogical research? If so, do you ocassionally encounter phrasing that you haven't seent before? As I was searching for Crawford deeds in early Botetourt county, I came across such a phrase:

transferring use into possession

Since someone had shared that they asked AI for help interpreting legal language, I asked ChatGPT what this phrase meant.


What does the phrase "transferring use into possession" mean in a 1770 land transaction?
In the context of a 1770 land transaction, the phrase "transferring use into possession" refers to the process of converting the right to use the land (known as "use") into actual legal ownership and physical control (known as "possession") of the land.
During that period, land ownership often involved complex legal concepts and arrangements. The concept of "use" originated from medieval English law, where one person (the "feoffor") could hold the legal title to the land, while another person (the "cestui que use") had the right to use and enjoy the benefits of the land. This system allowed for flexibility in managing and transferring land rights, but it also created complications and potential for abuse.
By "transferring use into possession," the transaction aimed to simplify and clarify land ownership by ensuring that the person with the beneficial right to use the land also held the legal title and physical control of the land. This process effectively unified the equitable interest (use) and the legal interest (possession), providing the new owner with full and unequivocal ownership rights.
This concept was an important step in the evolution of land law, leading towards more straightforward and secure property rights.

Thanks ChatGPT for the explanation!

The deed I was looking at was a 1770 deed in Botetourt County, Virginia where William Preston sold land on Patterson's Creek to John Crawford.

> Botetourt County Virginia
> Deed Book 1, 1770-1773
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> page 26

This Indenture made the fifth Day of February in the year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and seventy Between William Preston County of Botetourt of the one part
and John Crawford Junr of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that
the said William Preston for and in Consideration of the sum of five sh[illings]
Current Money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said John Crawford
at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents , the receipt whereof is
hereby acknowledged hath granted , bargained and sold , and by these presents
doth grant bargain and sell unto the said John Crawford one certain tract
or parcel of Land containing seventy seven acres be the same more or less
Granted to the said William Preston by Letters Patent bearing date the [twelfth
Day of September one there and eleven hundred and sixty seven , lying and being

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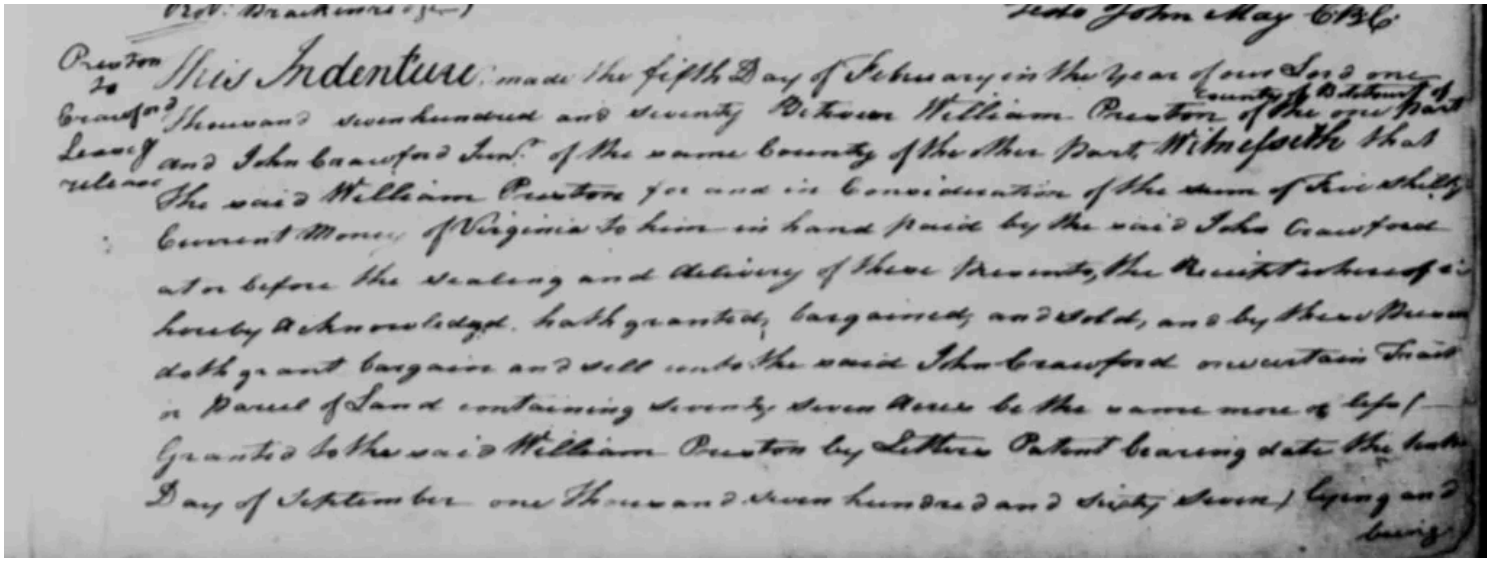
being in the County of Botetourt formerly Augusta on Patterson's Creek a Branch
of Craig's Creek and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a White oak
on a hill near a small meadow thence North Eighty degrees East forty poles
to two white Oak Saplins by a Gulley South ten degrees West forty four
poles to a Walnut South sixty degrees East seventy poles to a Spanish Oak in
a hollow South ten degrees West one hundred poles to a hickory south eighty
Degrees West forty poles to a Large White Oak in the Barrens , North thirty Degrees
West Eighty four poles South one hundred poles to the beginning and all
Houses , Buildings , Orchards , ways , Water , Water courses , profits , Commodities
Hereditaments , and appurtenances whatsoever , to the said premises are
hereby granted , or any part thereof belonging , or in any wise appertaining , and the
Reversion and Reversions , remainder and remainders , Rents , Issues , and
profits , thereof : To have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land and
all and singular [other] the premises , hereby granted with the appurtenances
unto the said John Crawford his Extors Administrators and assigns from
the day before the Date hereof , for and during the full [term] and time of one
whole year , from thence next ensuing , fully to be complete and ended
Yielding and paying therefore the rent of one pepper corn , on [any] day now
if the same shall be lawfully demanded to the extent and purpose that
by Virtue of these presents , and of the statute for Transferring use
into Possession . the said John Crawford may be in actual Possession
of the premises , and be thereby enabled to accept and take a grant and
release of the Reversion and inheritance thereof to him and his Heirs
In Witness whereof the said William Preston hath hereunto set his
hand and seal , the day and year above Written .
William Preston .
At a Court held for Botetourt County the 13th Feby 1770 These indentures of
Lease & Release were acknowledged by the said William Parly hereto
and ordered to be recorded [(To come in after the relegar)]
Teste John May CBC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Preston to Crawford
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release the said William Preston for and in Consideration of the sum of five shillings
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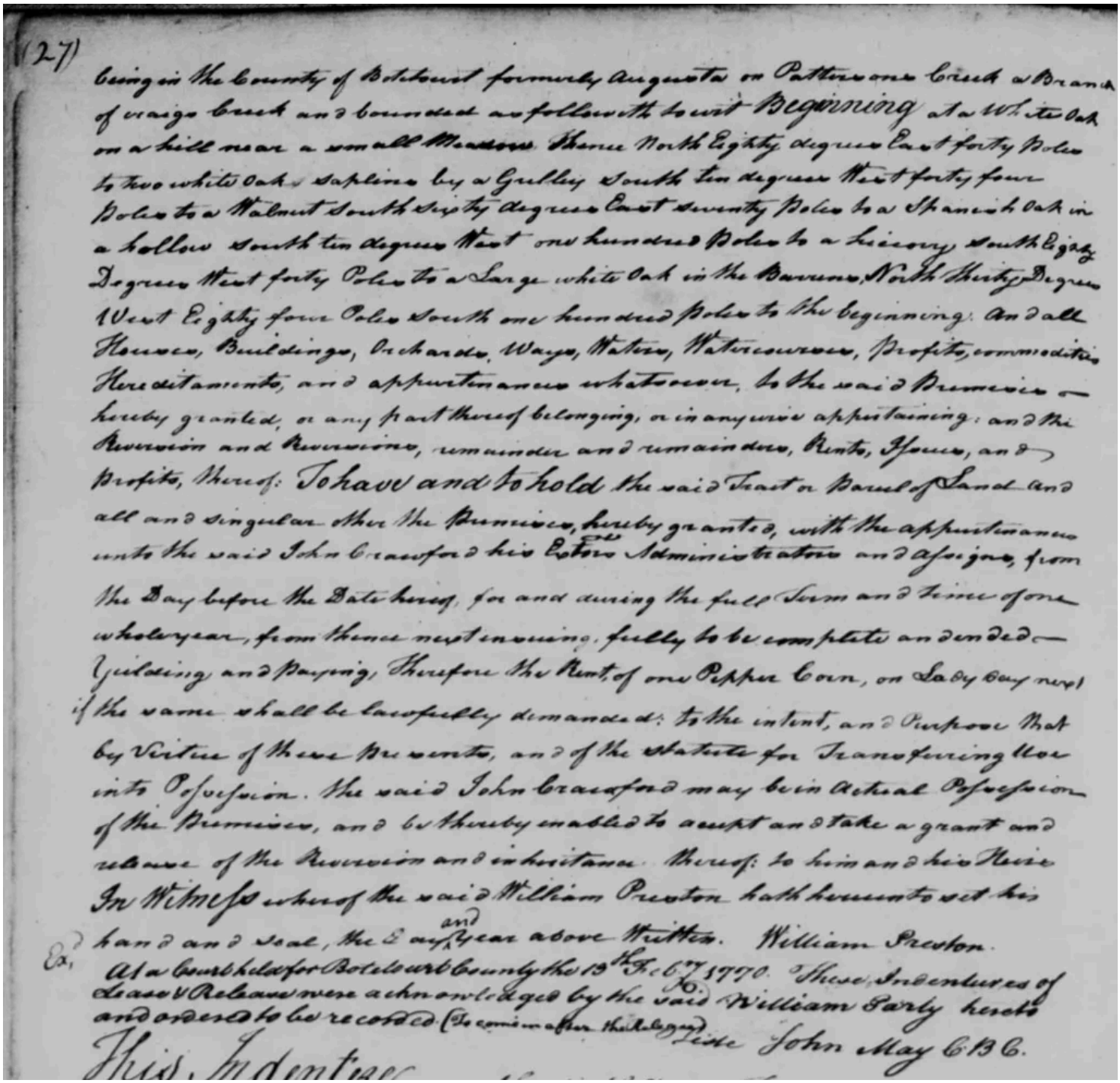

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Ex. At a Court held for Botetourt County the 13th Feb. 1770. These Indentures of Lease & Release were acknowledged by the said William Early hereto and ordered to be recorded (To continue after the Ledger) Teste John May C.B.C.

This Indenture

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 30, 2024
Artificial Intelligence,Nemaha County

Jonas Elmer Smith

Normally, I transcribe the various newspapers articles about the military career, death and burial for these posts. For this post, I did collect and transcribe the various newspaper articles. Instead of just pasting that information here, I decided to ask ChatGPT for some help.

In order to give ChatGPT some information to work with, I created a PDF file from my notes.

Jonas Elmer Smith

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Find a Grave
Born 5 Aug 1918 - Kansas
Died 24 Jan 1945 - Vielsalm Arrondissement de Bastogne, Luxembourg, Belgium
Buried: Vermillion Cemetery

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Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) 21 Jan 1943, page 10

Vermillion
Sergeant Jonas Smith is in the Ft Grady Cost Guard. He is in the Balloon Barrage department.

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Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 23 Aug 1943, page 4

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"Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, Earl and Nellie Marie, Robert and Donald Green, and Mrs. Elmer Smith visited last week at Salina with Sgt. and Mrs. Jonas Smith. Sgt. Smith was on furlough from Camp Tyson, Tennessee."

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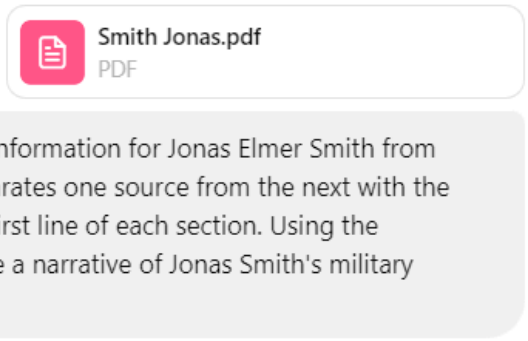
The Frankfort INdex (Frankfort, Kansas) 22 Feb 1945, page 1

VERMILLION BOY KILLED

Then I asked ChatGPT to write a narrative of Jonas Smith's military service, death and burial using the information in the file.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The attached file contains information for Jonas Elmer Smith from various sources. A line separates one source from the next with the source information as the first line of each section. Using the information in the file, write a narrative of Jonas Smith's military service, death and burial.
Jonas Elmer Smith was born on August 5, 1918, in Kansas. He graduated from Vermillion High School in 1938 and later enlisted in the military. His initial service included time at Fort Grady in the Coast Guard's Balloon Barrage department, as noted in a January 1943 report.
By August 1943, Jonas was on furlough from Camp Tyson, Tennessee, visiting family in Salina, Kansas.

Below is the narrative ***written by ChatGPT*** for Jonas Smith:

> Jonas Elmer Smith was born on August 5, 1918, in Kansas. He graduated from Vermillion High School in 1938 and later enlisted in the military. His initial service included time at Fort Grady in the Coast Guard's Balloon Barrage department, as noted in a January 1943 report.
> By August 1943, Jonas was on furlough from Camp Tyson, Tennessee, visiting family in Salina, Kansas. His military career progressed, and he served with the 291st Infantry Company, 75th Division. He had been in service for over three years and was deployed to the European theater in November 1944.
> On January 24, 1945, Jonas E. Smith was killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. His death was a significant loss to his family, including his wife Betty Jean Smith, their son Maurice, his parents Roy E. and Harriet Smith, one brother, and three sisters. The family received the tragic news via a telegram from the War Department on February 12, 1945.
> Following his death, memorial services were held in his honor. On July 5, 1945, a memorial service took place at the Presbyterian Church, with Rev. A. M. McInnis of Frankfort officiating. Initially buried in Belgium, Jonas's remains were later returned to the United States. In November 1948, the body of T/4 Jonas E. Smith arrived in New York aboard the U.S. Army transport Carroll Victory, alongside the remains of 7,572 other American soldiers.
> His body was then transported to the American Graves Registration Distribution Center in Kansas City before being sent to Vermillion, Kansas, for burial. On December 6, 1948, a service was held at the Presbyterian Church in Vermillion, where he was buried with full military honors, with the American Legion assisting in the service.
> Jonas Elmer Smith is remembered for his service and sacrifice, and he is buried in Vermillion Cemetery, Kansas. His dedication and bravery in the line of duty remain a lasting tribute to his commitment to his country.

My next prompt asked ChatGPT if it could create a list of the sources used. Not only did it pull the source info that I had provided but it included a short description of the information in the source.

> Certainly! Here is a list of the sources used for the narrative of Jonas Elmer Smith:
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> 1. **Find a Grave**
>   - Information on birth, death, and burial location: Vermillion Cemetery.
> 2. **Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) – 21 Jan 1943, page 10**
>   - Mention of Jonas Smith serving in the Ft. Grady Coast Guard's Balloon Barrage department.
> 3. **Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) – 23 Aug 1943, page 4**
>   - Details about Jonas Smith on furlough from Camp Tyson, Tennessee, visiting family in Salina.
> 4. **The Frankfort Index (Frankfort, Kansas) – 22 Feb 1945, page 1**
>   - Notification of Jonas E. Smith's death in action on January 24, 1945, in Belgium, including family details.
> 5. **Marysville Advocate (Marysville, KS) – 22 Feb 1945, page 1**
>   - Report on Jonas E. Smith's death, service details, and family information.
> 6. **Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) – 22 Feb 1945, page 9**
>   - Article on Jonas E. Smith's death in the Belgian Battle, service record, and family survivors.

7. **The Frankfort Index (Frankfort, KS) – 5 Jul 1945, page 8**
    - Announcement of the memorial service for Jonas Elmer Smith held at the Presbyterian Church.
8. **Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) – 12 Jul 1945, page 5**
    - Report on memorial services held for Jonas Smith and his burial in Belgium.
9. **Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) – 18 Nov 1948, page 8**
    - Announcement of the return of Jonas Smith's body to the U.S. and the arrival of the transport Carroll Victory.
10. **Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) – 22 Nov 1948, page 5**
    - Information on the body en route home to Vermillion for burial and services.
11. **Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) – 22 Nov 1948, page 1**
    - Formal announcement of the return of Jonas Smith's body, his military service, and death.
12. **The Marysville Advocate (Marysville, KS) – 25 Nov 1948, page 6**
    - Notification of the arrival of Jonas Smith's remains in New York and the planned return to Vermillion.
13. **Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) – 16 Dec 1948, page 12**
    - Report on the services held in Vermillion for Jonas Smith and his burial with full military honors.
14. **The Frankfort Index (Frankfort, KS) – 23 Dec 1948, page 7**
    - Additional details on the services and military honors for Jonas Elmer Smith in Vermillion.

These sources provide a comprehensive view of Jonas Smith's military service, death, and subsequent burial, documenting his dedication and sacrifice for his country.

After this experiment, I will likely be using ChatGPT to create narratives for these Purple Heart posts in the future!

Below is the newspaper transcriptions used for the above narrative.

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The Frankfort INdex (Frankfort, Kansas) 22 Feb 1945, page 1

VERMILLION BOY KILLED
Mrs Betty Jean Smith, Salina, received a telegram from the War Department Feb. 12th, stating that her husband, Sgt. Jonas E. Smith, was killed in action, January 24th in Belgium, according to the Seneca Courier-Tribune.
Sgt. Smith, the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Smith, Centralia, was 26 years old. He graduated from Vermillion high school in 1938. The young soldier had been in the service for more than three years and in the European Area since November of last year. He is survived by his wife and son, Maurice, Salina, his parents at Centralia and one brother and three sisters.

Marysville Advocate (Marysville, KS) 22 Feb 1945, page 1

"KILLED IN BELGIUM
Sgt. Jonas E. Smith, Vermillion High Graduate, is Killed
Mrs. Betty Jean Smith, Salina, received a telegram from the War Department February 12 stating that her husband, Sgt. Jonas E. Smith, was killed in action January 24 in Belgium.

Sergeant Smith, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Smith, Centralia, was 26 years old. He was graduated from Vermillion high school in 1938. He had been in service for more than three years and in the European area since last November.
Surviving are his wife and son, Maurice, Salina, his parents; one brother, and three sisters."

Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) 22 Feb 1945, page 9

"Former Vermillion Man Is Killed In Belgian Battle
Sgt. Jonas E. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Smith, Centralia, formerly of Vermillion, was killed in action January 24, in Belgium, the War department notified his wife in Salina February 12.
A graduate of Vermillion high school in 1938, he had been in service for more than three years, and had been in the European area since November of 1944. He is survived by his wife and son, Maurice, Salina, his parents at Centralia, one brother and three sisters."

The Frankfort Index (Frankfort, KS), 5 Jul 1945, page 8

A memorial service for the late Jonas Elmer Smith, who was killed in action in Belgium, will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. A. M. McInnis of Frankfort will officiate.

Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) 12 Jul 1945, pge 5

Memorial services were held in the Presbyterian church Sunday for Sgt. JOnas Smith who died in the service for his country. He is buried n Belgium

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Marshall County News (Marysville, KS) 16 Dec 1948, page 12

Services were held in the Presbyterian church, December 6 for Jonas Elmer Smith, son of MR. and Mrs. Roy Smith. Jonas gave his life for his country and his body was returned form overseas. He was given full military honors.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 18 Nov 1948 page 8

"Return Body of Jonas Smith
Wednesday's Kansas City Star listed among the soldier dead being returned to the States, that of T/4 Jonas E. Smith, son of Roy E. Smith of Centralia. The arrival of the transport Carroll Victory at New York has been announced, bearing the bodies of 7,572 Americans who lost their lives during World War II."

Marshall County News (Marsyville, KS), 22 Nov 1948, page 5

Body Enroute Home

Word has been received at Vermillion that the body of T-4 Jonas E. Smith has arrived at New York aboard the US Army Transport Carroll Victory. Remains of the World War II veteran will be sent from the American Graves Registration Distribution Center at Kansas City to Vermillion for military burial and services. The W. D. Smith funeral home at Vermillion will be in charge.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 22 Nov 1948, page 1

"Announce Return of Body of T/4 Jonas Smith
Jonas E. Smith
Formal announcement was received Saturday, from the American Graves Registration distribution center at Kansas City, of the arrival at New York of the remains of the late T/4 Jonas E. Smith, aboard the U. S. Army transport Carroll Victory. It was stated the body would be forwarded later through the Kansas City center to Vermillion, where W. D Smith is the designated funeral director.
Jonas E. Smith, the son of Roy E. and Harriet Smith, Centralia, lost his life on January 24, 1945, in the battle of the Belgian bulge. He served with the 291st infantry Co., 75th division."

The Marysville Advocate (Marysville, KS), 25 Nov 1948, page 6
Body Of Jonas A. Smith Back To Vermillion

Roy E. Smith, Centralia, has been notified of the arrival of the remains of the late T/3 Jonas A. Smith from Europe aboard the US Army Transport Carroll Victory scheduled to reach New York, November 16.
The deceased will be returned to Vermillion for burial from the American Graves Registration Distribution Center in Kansas City, Mo., accompanied by individual military escort

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The Frankfort Index (Frankfort, KS) 23 Dec 1948, page 7
VERMILLION NEWS
By Miss Adeline Stewart
(Last week's Items)
Services were held in the Presbyterian church Monday, Dec. 6th for Jonas Elmer Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith. Roy gave his life for his country while fighting overseas. His body was returned and he was given full military honors. The American Legion assisted in the service.

John Crawford Deed

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
July 31, 2024
Botetourt County,Crawford,Virginia

When researching, do you try to locate records for everyone with the same surname in the same location at the same time? If so, what do you do with records you find for an someone you have not encountered before in your research?

I'm currently researching Botetourt county Virginia deeds prior to 1800 for 'John Crawford'. While I can't connect anything I've found to date with my CRAWFORD research, they have all involved land along Craig's Creek. Today's deed does not mention the creek. It is also different in that it identifies a spouse: Rachel.

A simple search of FamilySearch and Ancestry trees did not turn up a John Crawford from Virgnia who was old enough to sell land in 1797 and had a wife named Rachel. Thus, the identity of this John Crawford is unknown.

FamilySearch has added the ability to use an AI tool to summarize the deed. This deed was summarized as follows:

> John Crawford and Rachel, his wife, transfer a piece of land to George Steell. The transaction is recorded in Botetourt in January 1897. The exact size and location of the land are not specified, but various trees and landmarks are mentioned in the description.
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> Dates
>
> - January 1897
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> Names and Relationships
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> - John Crawford: Grantor
> - Rachel Crawford: Wife of John Crawford
> - George Steell: Grantee

While this looks like a typical deed, the original deed does not include the wife's release of dower. Instead, the interview of the wife is recorded in a separate volume of deeds.

> Botetourt County, Virginia
>
> Deed Book 6, 1796-1799
> DGS 007893749, Item 1
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>
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>
> This Indenture made this 10th day of
> Jany one thousand seven hundred and
> ninety seven Between John Crawford and
> Rachel his wife of the State of Kentuckey
> of the one part and George Stull of the Coun
> ty of Botetourt & State of Virginia of the
> other part Witnesseth that the said John Craw
> ford for & in consideration of the Sum of four
> hundred Pounds to him in hand paid by
> the said George Stull the receit whereof is
> hereby acknowledged hath granted , bargaind
> & sold and by these presents doth grant bar
> gain and sell unto the said George Stull
> one certain tract or parcel of Land situate
> lying and being in Botetourt County on the
> Rich [p]ack Mountain joining the Lands
> of Michael Kimberlafed Samuel Porton
> and John Johnston containing six hundred
> & seventy five Acres be the same more or less
> and bounded as followeth to wit begining

at a red Oak and Two Chasnut Oakes corner
to Michael Kimberland & with his line
North sixty six West one hundred and fifty seven
P[o]les to a chesnut & white Oak on a hill side
Corner to said Kimberland thence with a [?]

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of the same North twenty East forty six
poles to three Chestnuts on a ridge thence North
thirty west eighteen poles to two Chesnuts &
two white Oaks on a ridge , North thirty six
East ninety six poles to two black Oaks on a
ridge thence North fifty four West Eighty four
poles to a white Oak & [?] Maples near a
branch North th[en] [sixteen] East forty six poles to
a sugar [tree] North thirty East thirty four
poles to a white hickory North twenty nine
West ten poles to a white Oak North twenty
five East eight poles to a red Oak North seven
West crossing a branch thirty two poles to two
white Oaks North seventy two west ten poles to
an ash west eight poles to a white Oak &
Dogwood Bush North eight West forty two
poles to a white Oak on the side of a Hill East
sixteen poles crossing a Branch to a bunch
of lyns on a hill side South fifty nine East
eighteen poles to two Chesnut & red Oak Saplins
on a hill side North sixty East twenty Eight
poles to two white Oaks by a Rock North eigh
ty East forty six poles to two white Oaks on
the side of a Mountain East one hundred
and fifty poles to a red Oak and white Oak in
Johnston line ne & with the same South forty |
six East two hundred and twenty poles crossing
the Walton Pond Mountain to three black Oak
Saplins South twenty six west eighty poles to a
black Oak & two Chesnut Oake on the side of a
mountain thence South fifty west two handed

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to hold the said granted lands & premises with t
heir and every of their Appurtenances unto the
said George Stull his Heirs & Assigns forever
to his and their own proper use and behoof and
the said John Crawford and Rachel his wife
for themselves then Heirs Exrs & admr the
before mentioned Land and all & singular
the privileges & advantages thereunto belong
ing or in any wise appertaining against
the claim of them & all other person or per
sons whatsoever shall and will warrant &
defend to the said George Stull his Heirs &
Assigns for ever firmly by these presents
In Witness whereof the said John Crawford
& Rachall his wife hath hereunto set to
their Hand & seals the day & date above
written
John Crawford (Seal)
Signd seald & Deliverd
in Present

At Botetourt January Court 1797
This Indenture from John Craw
ford to George Stull was acknowledged
in Court by the said John to be his act
and deed and ordered to be recorded
See Book No 7 page 378
for wifes act
Teste
H Bowyer Clk

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Deed book 7 1799-1802
DGS 007893749 Item 2
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the Commonwealth of Virginia Jno W Hatton
& James McCrosky Gentleman Surties of the peace for the
County of Scott Greeting Whereas John Crawford & Rachel
his wife by their Indenture of Bargain Sale dated the 16th
day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and ninety seven have sold and conveyed to
George Stull six hundred seventy five the fee simple
Estate of six hundred and Seventy five acres of land
with its appurtenances lying and being in the County
of Botetourt and whereas the said Rachael Crawford
his wife cannot cannot conveniently travet to our Court
of our said County of Botetourt to make acknowledgment
of said Indenture therefore we do give unto you or two or
more of you power receive the acknowledgment which
the said Rachael shall be willing to make before you
of the conveyance contained in said Inden
ture which is hereunto annexed and we do therefore
Command you that you personally go to the said
Rachael and receive her acknowledgement of the
same and examine her privily and apart from
the said John Crawford her husband whether she
doth the same freelly and Voluntarily without his
Persuation or threats and whether she in willing

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the same should be recorded in our said Court of Botetourt
and when you have received her acknowledgment and examin
ed her as aforesaid that you will distinctly and openly
Certify [as] thereof to our Justices of our said Court next sending
then there also the said Indenture and this writ Witness
Henry Bonyer Clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse
he 25th day of February 1797 In the 21st year of the Com
monwealth
Teste Wm P Martin DC
We the Suscribers pursuant to the within Dedume to us
directed do certify to the Gentlemen Justices of Botetourt
County Court that we personally went to the said Rach
eal Crawford and examined her prively and apart from
her Husband touhing the conveyance within mentioned
and do also Certify that she is willing such her acknowled
dgment may be recorded in the County Court aforesaid
Given under our hands seals the 8th day of July 1797
(see Book NO 6 Page 167 for Deed) Jno McHatton Seal
Jas McCrosky (Seal)

At December Botetourt Court 1800
This Commission & certificate of the wife prively
Examination & was returned to Court & ordered to be record
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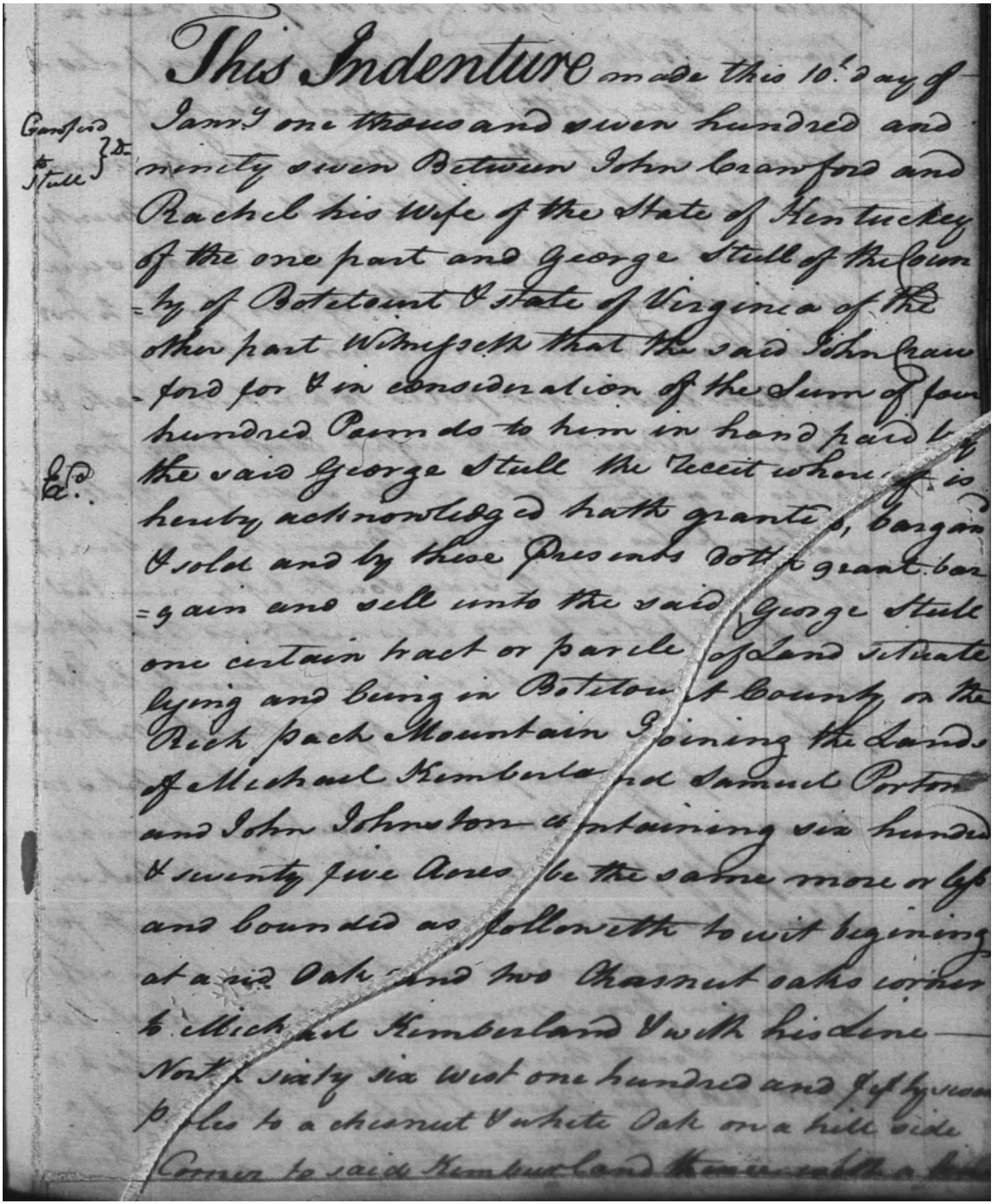
A copy
Test H T Bower[CC]

At Botetourt Decemter Court 1800

At Botetourt December Court 1800
This Indenture of Bargains Sale was acknowledged by
the wife she having been first prively examined as the
Law directs she acknowledgment is ordered to be recorded
See Book Wm page 536 A Copy
teste H Bowyer CBC
for Deed
At Botetourt December Court 1800
This Indenture of Bargain Sale was acknowledged
in Court by the wife she having been first prively examined as
the law directs and thus acknolwedement is ordered to be recorded
See Book W page 531 ofe deed
A copy
Teste



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ninety seven Between John Crawford and
Rachel his Wife of the State of Kentuckey
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-ty of Botetourt & State of Virginia of the
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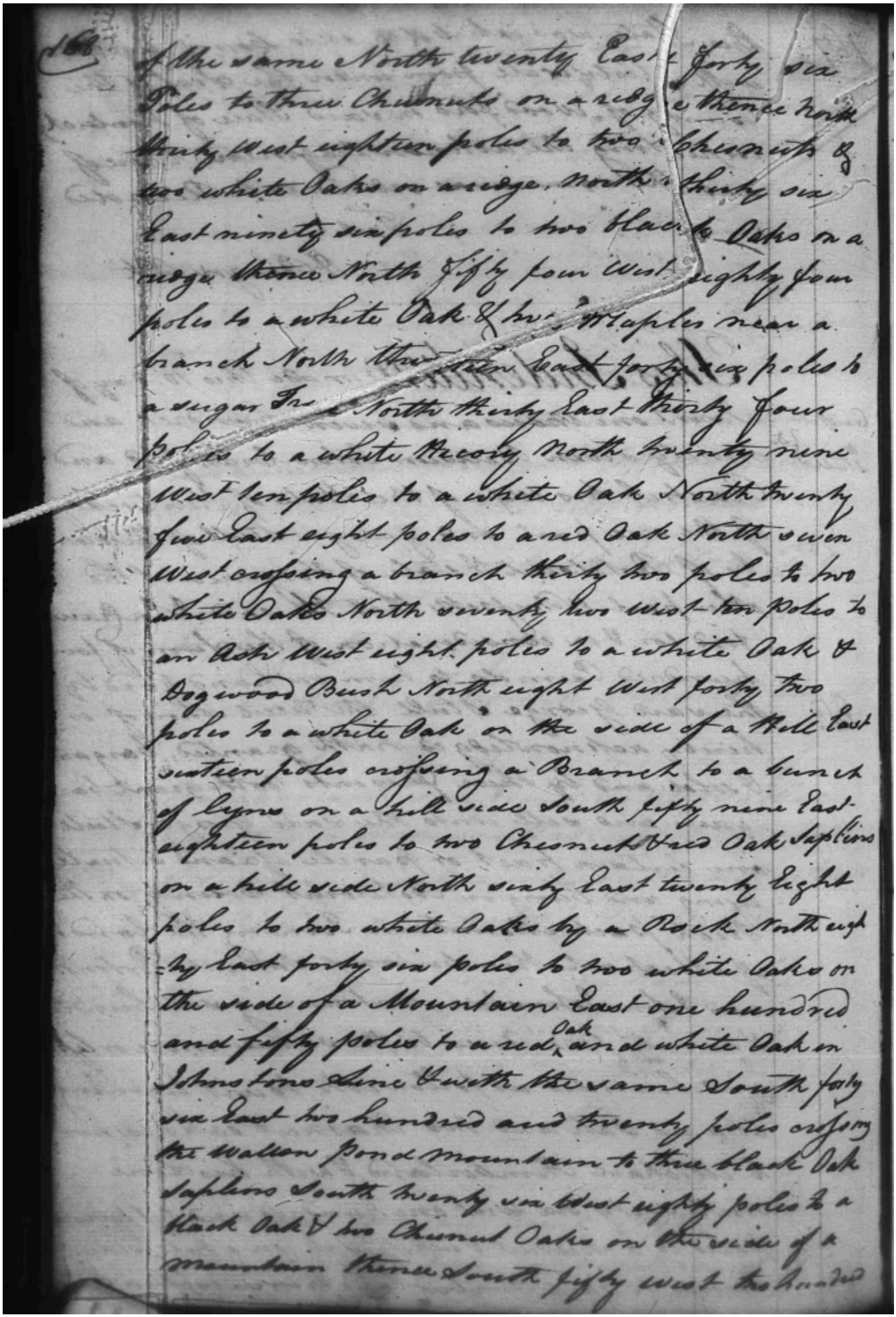

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John Cranford Seal
Rachel Seal

Sign.d Seal.d & Deliv.d
in Presents

At a Botetourt January Court 1797
This Indenture from John Cran=ford to George Stull was acknowledged in Court by the said John to be his Act and Deed and ordered to be recorded.
See Book No 11 Page 378 for wife's dower

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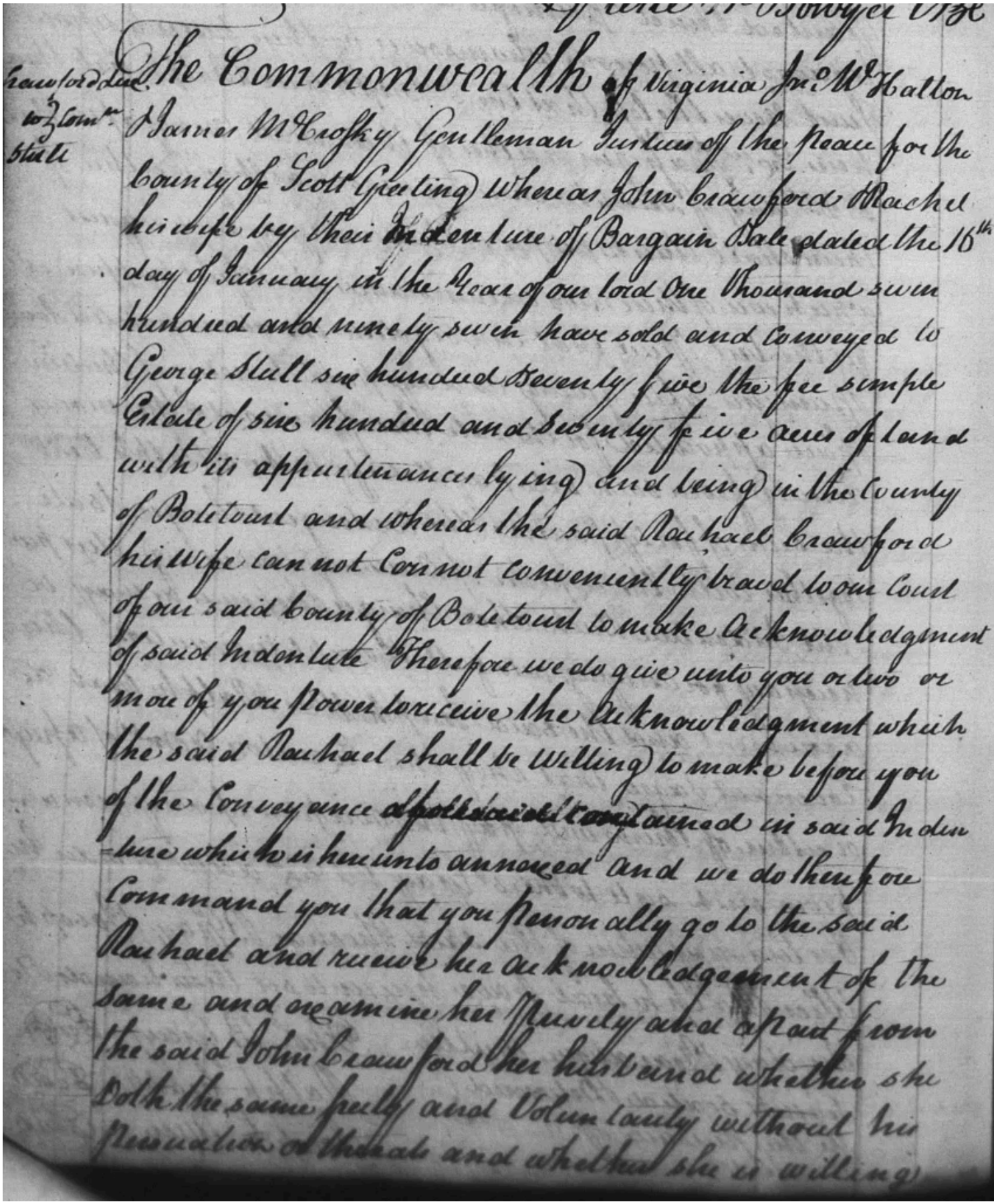
W. Bowyer Clk



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James McCroskey Gentleman Justice off the peace for the
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of Botetourt and whereas the said Rachael Crawford
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of our said County of Botetourt to make Acknowledgment
of said Indenture Therefore we do give unto you or two or
more of you Power to receive the Acknowledgment which
the said Rachael shall be willing to make before you
of the Conveyance ~~aforesaid~~ contained in said Indenture which is hereunto annexed and we do therefore
Command you that you personally go to the said
Rachael and receive her Acknowledgement of the
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the said John Crawford her husband whether she
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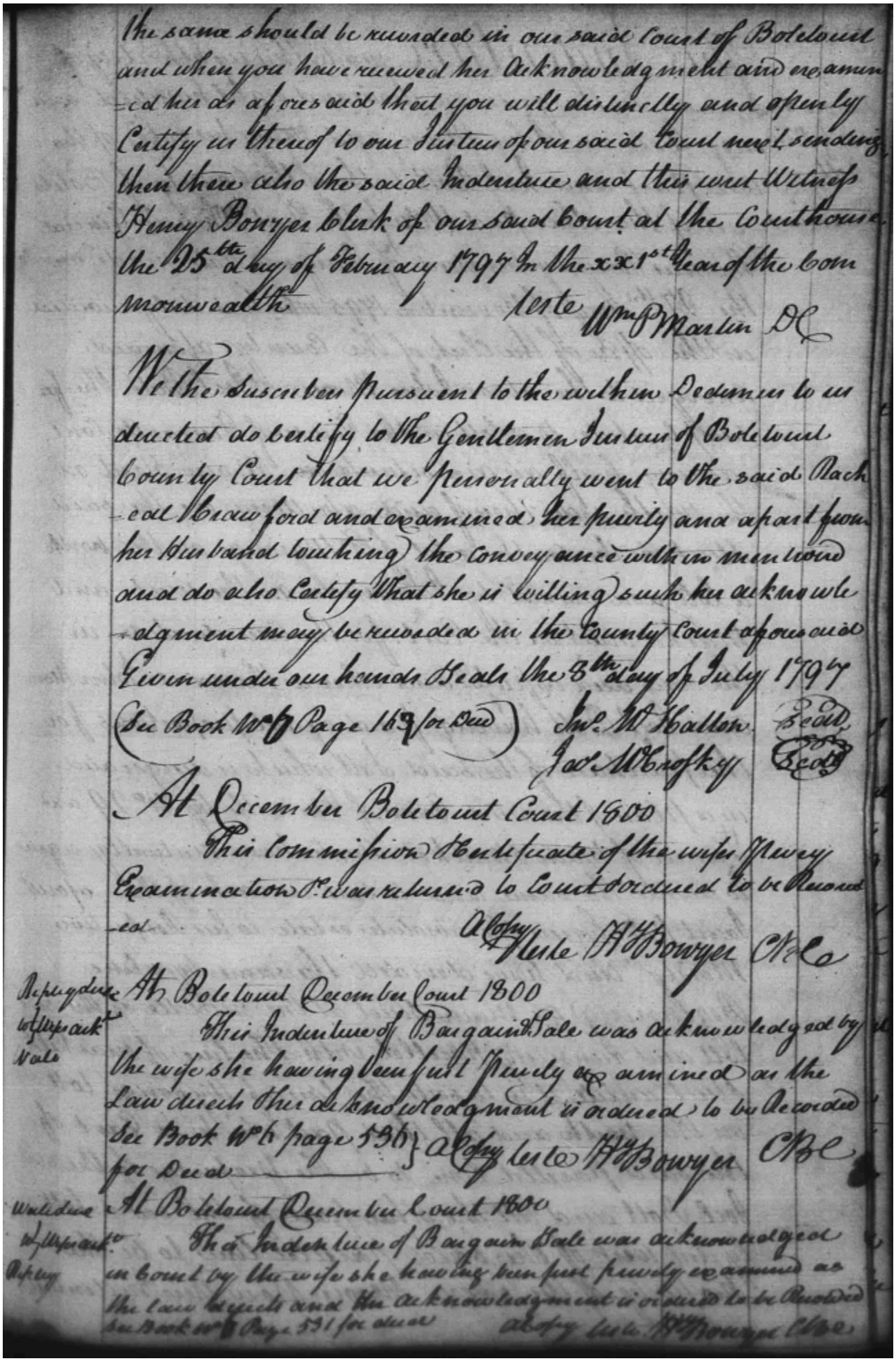
persuasion or threats and whether she is willing



the same should be recorded in our said Court of Botetourt and when you have received her Acknowledgment and examined her as aforesaid that you will distinctly and openly Certify us thereof in the Return of our said Court next sending then there also the said Indenture and this writ Witness Henry Bowyer Clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse the 25th day of February 1797 In the xxxist Year of the Commonwealth Teste Wm P Martin DC

We the Subscribers Pursuant to the within Dedimus to us directed do Certify to the Gentlemen Justices of Botetourt County Court that we personally went to the said Rachael Crawford and examined her privily and apart from her Husband touching the Conveyance within mentioned and do also Certify that she is willing such her Acknowledgment may be recorded in the County Court aforesaid Given under our hands Seals the 8th day of July 1797

(See Book W 6 Page 163 for Deed) Jno M Hallon Seal
Jno M Knosky Seal

At December Botetourt Court 1800

This Commission & Certificate of the wifes Privy Examination &c was returned to Court & ordered to be Recorded

A Copy Teste H H Bowyer Clk

Relinquishment of Dower & Quit Claim Deed

At Botetourt December Court 1800

This Indenture of Bargain & Sale was Acknowledged by the wife she having been first Privily & examined as the Law directs thereupon Acknowledgment is ordered to be Recorded

See Book W 6 page 530 for Deed A Copy Teste H H Bowyer Clk

Wm Crawford & Wife to Abey

At Botetourt December Court 1800

This Indenture of Bargain & Sale was Acknowledged in Court by the wife she having been first privily examined as the Law directs and the Acknowledgment is ordered to be Recorded

See Book W 6 Page 531 for deed A Copy Teste H H Bowyer Clk

AI to Improve Writing

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 1, 2024
Artificial Intelligence,Nemaha County

Have you used any AI (Artificial Intelligence) tools? If you are a regular reader of this blog or follow Randy Seaver's Genea-Musings blog, then you are aware that some of us are having fun 'playing' with AI to learn how it can help with our genealogy research.

As a retired educator, I see the challenges teachers will face when students use these tools. While my knowledge of how to use these tools is limited, I am finding them very helpful. After a recent conversation with Seneca's chamber and tourism promoter where she said she uses AI to help write press releases, I decided to ask ChatGPT for help writing a letter.

This letter is being sent to the Pauly Jail Building Company requesting that the historic jail and sheriff's residence in Nemaha County, Kansas be added to their list of Historic Jail Projects on their Legacy page.

Below is the original text of my letter:

> I am writing to ask that the historic Jail and Sheriffs residence in Nemaha County, Kansas be added to your list of Historic Jail Projects on the Legacy page of your website.
>
> The jail has two different sets of Pauly cells. The cells on the main floor are original to the 1879 building. In 1907, the jail was remodeled. The remodeling included the addition of a second set of cells on the second floor. Both sets of cells have brass plates identifying Pauly patents. In 2004, the jail and attached sheriff's residence was added to the National Register of Historic Places.
>
> In 1973, the county built a new jail and discontinued use of the sheriff's residence and jail. The building is now part of the Nemaha County Historical Society. As part of our efforts to preserve this historic structure, we have shared some of the original documents on our website (http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/residence-jail). Many of these documents help document our Pauly jail cells.
>
> - 1879 P. J. Pauly Bid
> - 1789 P. J. Pauly Contract
> - 1879 P. J. Pauly Bond
> - 1879 Jail Specifications
> - 1879 Specifications for Residence and Jail – signed by P J Pauly
>
> Enclosed are copies of these web pages to support our request to be added to your legacy page.
>
> Thank you for considering our request.

My request to ChatGPT was simple.

"Can you improve the following letter?" (followed by the text from my letter)

While very similar, ChatGPT's response did improve the quality of the writing in the letter.

> I am writing to request that the historic Jail and Sheriff's Residence in Nemaha County, Kansas, be added to the list of Historic Jail Projects on the Legacy page of your website.
>
> The Nemaha County Jail features two distinct sets of Pauly cells. The cells on the main floor are original to the building, constructed in 1879. In 1907, a remodeling project added a second set of cells on the second floor. Both sets of cells bear brass plates identifying Pauly patents. In 2004, the jail and attached sheriff's residence were added to the National Register of Historic Places.
>
> After a new jail was built in 1973, the county discontinued the use of the original sheriff's residence and jail. The building now serves as part of the Nemaha County Historical Society. As part of our preservation efforts, we have shared original documents on our website (http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/residence-jail), many of which document our Pauly jail cells, including:
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Enclosed are copies of these web pages to support our request for inclusion on your legacy page.

Thank you for considering our request. We believe that featuring the Nemaha County Jail and Sheriff's Residence on your website will help in our ongoing efforts to preserve this important historical structure.

So, I am using the ChatGPT version of the letter to send to the Pauly Jail Building Company.

Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 2, 2024
Henry County Illinois,Illinois,Minnick

From my MINNICK files

Do you have photocopies from books that indexed county records in your files? As I was going thru my MINNICK files for today's Friday Finds, I came across photocopies from a book published by the Henry County, Illinois, Genealogy Society.

At the front of the book is a section containing tombstone inscriptions from the Old Kewanee Public Cemetery. My third great-grandfather, John Minnick, his wife Elizabeth, brother Peter W and son Wilson J are listed in this cemetery.

OLD KEWANEE PUBLIC CEMETERY - KEWANEE, HENRY CO., IL
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS - READ IN 1989

LN	FN	NEE	BORN	DIED	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	INFORMATION	WAR
MILLER	JAMES		____	15 JUN 1893	73Y	H/O JANE L.		
MILLER	JANE L.		____	16 OCT 1906	79Y 3M 3D	W/O JAMES		
MILLER	JENNIE		06 DEC 1865	16 FEB 1867				
MILLER	LIANE	BENTON	1863	1946		W/O W. E. MILLER	MILES LOT	
MILLER	PETER T.		____	1868?				
MINNICK	ELIZABETH		____	JUL 1869	53Y	W/O JOHN		
MINNICK	JOHN		____	21 AUG 1903?	80Y	H/O ELIZABETH		
MINNICK	PETER W.		____	16 DEC 1856?		NEXT TO ANNA E. STONE	STONE BROKEN/UNDER SOD	
MINNICK	WILSON J.		1844	15 JAN 1914				CW
MITTON	EDGAR P.		1859	1940				
MITTON	RACHEL		1868	1935				
MOORE	ALGENETTE	MERRITT	1844	1922		W/O JOHN		
MOORE	JOHN		1842	1904		H/O ALGENETTE MERRITT		

Death Index Prior to 1916 Henry County, Illinois. (Kewanee, IL: Henry County Genealogical Society p.12 Old Kewanne Public Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions

The bulk of the book is a transcription of the death index for Henry county, Illinois.

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FULL NAME		RESIDENCE	DATE OF DEATH MONTH	DAY	YEAR	RECORD BOOK	PAGE
Mimicun	Peter	Kewanee	Nov	3	1906	4	381
Minard	David	Annawan	Nov	27	1879	1	40
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Minks	Clara	Kewanee	Jan	6	1881	1	60
Minks	Gottfred	Kewanee	Nov	15	1914	6	522
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Minks	Louis Albert	Kewanee	June	25	1903	3	93
Minnert	Mell	Atkinson	July	18	1892	1	198
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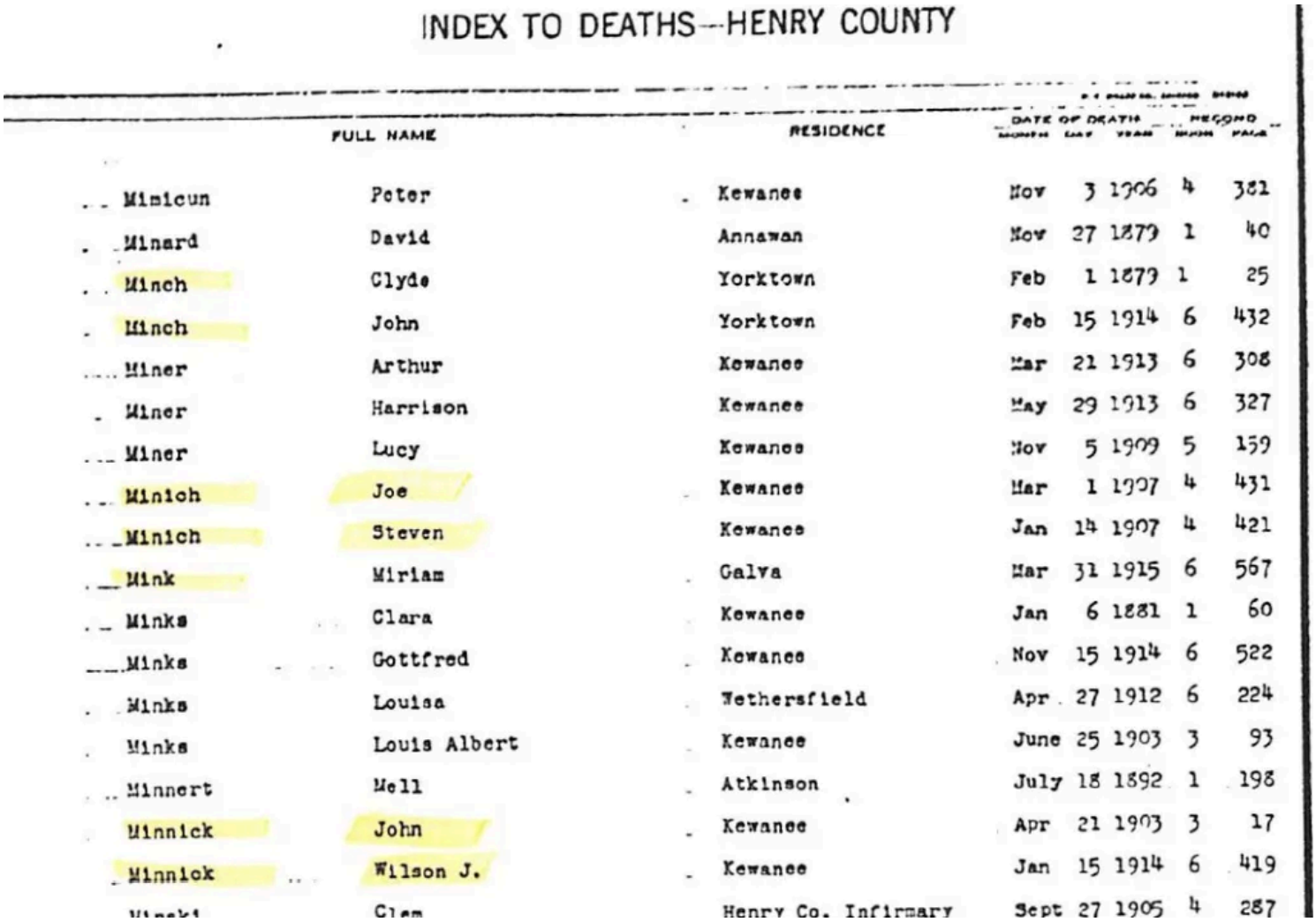
Minnick	Wilson J.	Kewanee	Jan	15	1914	6	419
Minski	Clem	Henry Co. Infirmary	Sept	27	1905	4	287
Miocrovowski	Cheslan	Kewanee	Aug	7	1907	4	487
Mirk	Joe	Kewanee	May	24	1908	5	9
Mitchell	Helanora	Kewanee	Dec	23	1912	6	277
Mitchell	Horace	Colona	July	12	1879	1	33

Death Index Prior to 1916 Henry County, Illinois. (Kewanee, IL: Henry County Genealogical Society p. 166.

Since FamilySearch has digitized most of the U.S. county records, I searched the catalog to see if the original index was available on FamilySearch. And I found the death index book as item 3 on film 1435940. The Minnick entries are on image 449.



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Illinois, Henry County. Henry County, Il. Death Index. Film #1435940 item 3; DGS 7611619. John Minnick, 21 Apr 1903; image 449 of 788; digitized images, FamilySearch http://www.familysearch.org : viewed online 26 July 2024.

Even though this is just an index of the death records, it does support the death date and place found in several other records.

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 3, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II

Have you ever wondered what was happening with the U.S. military during February 1941? Even though we weren't in war, many young men were either volunteering to serve in the armed forces or were being drafted to serve. Today's tidbit comes from the front pages of the Feb. 27, 1941 and March 3, 1941 issues of the Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas).

> Army Accepts All But One
> Gerald Wempe's Hearing Defective
>
> All the 14 young men who went to Fort Leavenworth early Monday morning for examination preparatory to induction in the U. S. army were accepted but one, the exception being Gerald Wempe, who was found to have defective hearing.
> "There were reports here Tuesday that Herman J. Engel, Goff, and Bob Adriance, Seneca, might not be accepted but these were disproved Wednesday morning when official notice was received by the draft board that 13 out of the 14 were approved,
> A card from Bob Adriance stated the selectees get only three hours' notice before they are sent to other camps. He thought it possible the contingent might leave Leavenworth late this week.
> Gerald Wempe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wempe, Seneca, was not long in finding that he would not be accepted for service. Gerald was back home Monday afternoon, turned down because of defective hearing in his left ear.
> Gerald previously had applied for service in the Navy and was rejected for the same reason. He is assisting his father in farm work and can now proceed with the satisfaction that he did his part; that it is not his fault he was refused.
> Gerald said the Nemaha contingent was met at the train by truck and taken to quarters. Physical examinations got under way the same day.
> The draft board is not able to say just how Wempe's place will be filled. James E. Severin, Baileyville, and Louis Grollmes, Seneca, are volunteers. Grollmes has not yet taken his local medical examination. One colored boy Donald C. Davis, is to go in the March contingent. If a call for replacement is received before the order for March comes in, Severin probably will be chosen.
>
> *Courier Tribune*
> *27 Feb 1941*
> *page 1*

Get News of the Draftees

Are Assigned Quickly

Ten to Camp Robinson,
Two to Ft. Knox
More Volunteers Here

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News about Nemaha county draftees is pouring in from all sides this week.
From the reception center at Ft. Leavenworth comes word that 12 of the 13 men sent from Nemaha county and accepted there last week have been assigned to camps.
Ten of the 13 left Thursday for Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. Two were sent the same day to Fort Knox, Kentucky.
The men sent to Camp Robinson and the general heading of their units are as follows:
To the 137th Infantry: William G. Rucker, Wetmore; Vernet H. Randel, Corning.
To the signal company, 35th division, Edward J. Vogel of Bern; Leonard Talley of Centralia; William Flaherty of Havensville; Homer Turner of Oneida; Francis Block of Seneca; Herman Engel of Wetmore.
To the 161st field artillery at Camp Robinson: Elmer Walter Allen, of Corning and Lloyd Frederickson of Corning.
Sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, both men to be attached to the First Armored Division, are Cyril F. Olberding of Baileyville and Clarence R. Hazlett of Onaga.
Bob Adriance, Seneca, was the only one left in Leavenworth of the contingent. He has asked for assignment as a photographic specialist and this may be the reason he is held back.
On the Home Front
Seneca—The Nemaha county draft board has a March call to furnish two men, one colored. Both positions are being filled by

volunteers. James Severin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Severin, Baileyville address, will leave this Wednesday. The call for a colored youth was filled Sunday by Donald Davis, Sabetha.
Three Seneca men are new volunteers to serve their year ahead of turn and will be the first men to go on next calls. They are George H. Joyce; Louis Grollmes; Dick Moore. Moore is not a native Nemaha county youth but has been employed here in the National Farm loan association office and so registered here.
Reception Center Is Spick and Span
It is still the army but what an improvement over the early days of 1917 when Elmer joined up at Camp Funston and drilled for a month in blue denims and then was issued clothing too large or too small for him!
Nineteen-forty-one's selected service men are neatly fitted in serge O. D. and gone are the stiff collars and the sloppy wrap leggings.
Mr. and Mrs. George C. Adriance and Miss Johanna Lierz called on Bob Adriance at the Reception Center at Leavenworth Friday and

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Sunday. The recruit said he had gained five pounds in his first week of service.
The men do little or no drilling at Leavenworth. They get their uniforms and "shots" and frequently are sent to permanent camps within just a few days. The boys spend their spare time on detail. They police the grounds for cigarette butts and matches; work on the camp roads and prepare the ground for spring seeding. Other squads are on barracks duty, scrubbing every inch of the woodwork daily. The men are not allowed bunk fatigue until four o'clock so they sit on the floor when they get tired of standing. The floor is clean enough to eat from if that were necessary. As a matter of fact, eating is the best thing the recruits are doing right now and the chow is both plentiful and good. Guests of recruits are permitted to eat with them in a special dining hall where the meals are served on aluminum platters, subdivided so that food does not all run together like it does in the regular army mess kit. However, the selectees in the main camp mess hall still use the old kit. Sunday's meal featured baked ham, mashed potatoes, lima beans, lettuce salad, applesauce, wafers, and ice cream. Yes, there are seconds.
The boys early get a taste of discipline. They have to get the first sergeant's permission to speak to the C.O. They still address officers in the third person.
Note: Recruits seen about camp are a fine looking bunch of men; maybe it is because the uniform is such an improvement over World War days.

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
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Uncategorized

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Have you created a Kinship List for any of your ancestors or relatives in your genealogy software program? If so, select an Ancestor – say, one of your great-grandparents, and create a Kinship List of all of their descendants. Or another ancestor further back in time.

2) Show us your work – how you did it, and the Kinship List generated (at least one page of it).

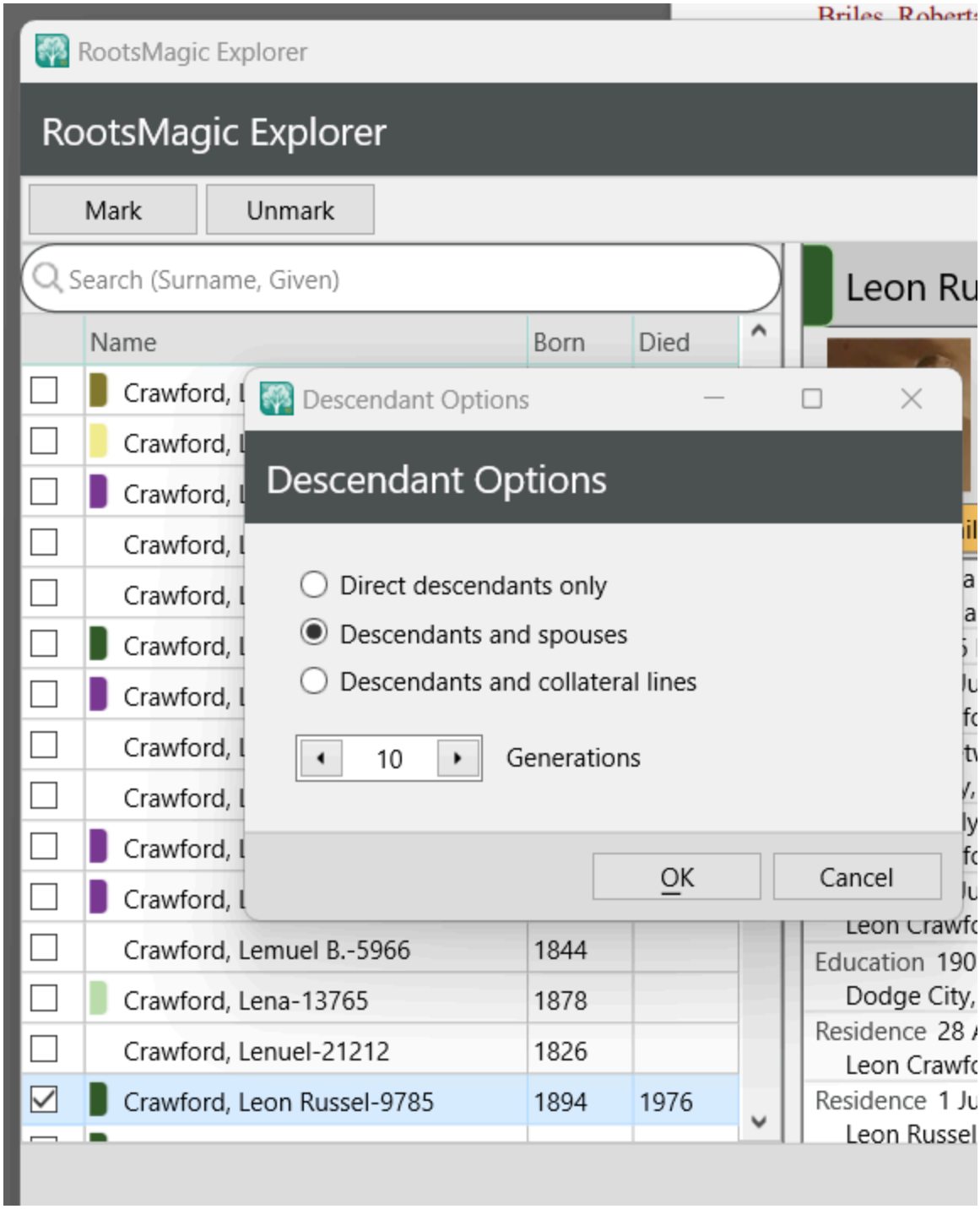
This is the first time I've worked with a 'Kinship' Report. Thanks to Randy, I had directions to follow!

Randy's comment at the end of his post caught my attention:

> **Since Kinship usually includes siblings' spouses and their siblings, and usually includes spouses with their parents and siblings, this Kinship Report doesn't really include persons that many researchers would consider Kin. It needs an option to include families of siblings and families of a spouse's siblings and parents and grandparents within several generations.**

Out of curiosity, I tried changing the selection settings to see if I could generate a report showing siblings and their spouses. For this experimentation, I wanted a short list. Thus, I used my grandfather since only one of his children survived to have children.

My first attempt was to select Descendants and spouses.



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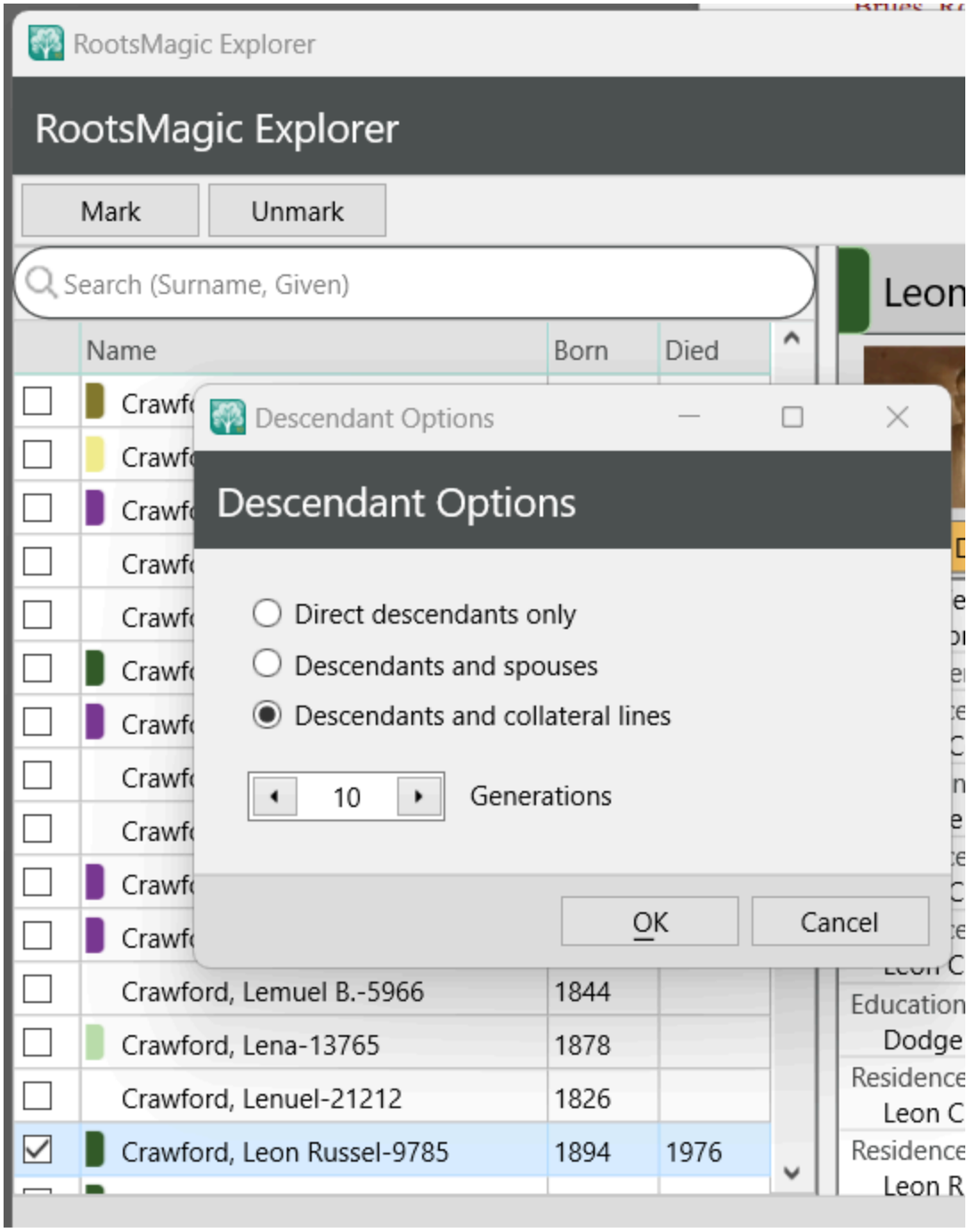
I then tried a selection based on ‘Descendants and Collateral Lines’.



That report added my grandmother's siblings.

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Currey, Henry-505	brother-in-law
Currey, Herbert Miles-506	brother-in-law
Currey, Hiram-507	brother-in-law
Currey, Hiram Miles-502	father-in-law
Currey, Infant-504	brother-in-law
Currey, Mary Lela-509	sister-in-law
Currey, Myrtle Irene-508	sister-in-law
Currey, Winnie Letha-9786	spouse

However, it did not contain my grandfather's siblings.

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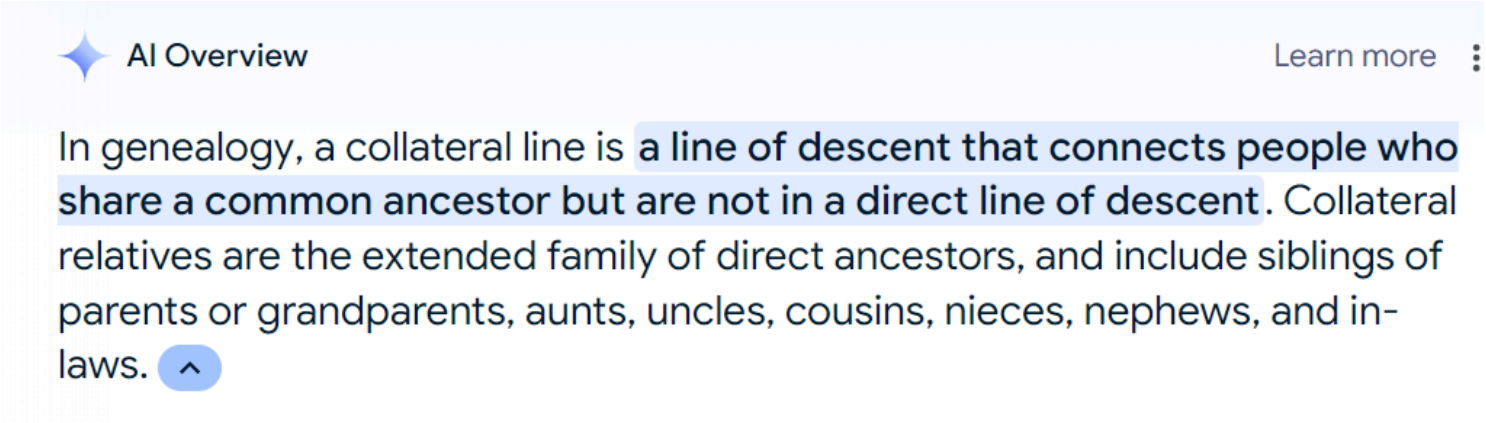
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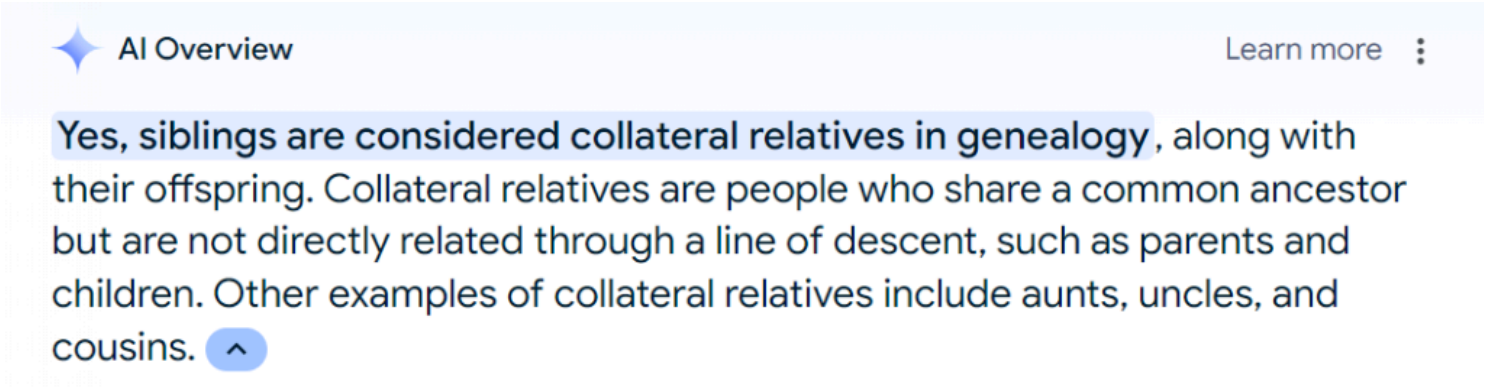
In genealogy, a collateral line is a line of descent that connects people who share a common ancestor but are not in a direct line of descent. Collateral relatives are the extended family of direct ancestors, and include siblings of parents or grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Since I was looking for a more specific answer, I again searched google for the following: "in genealogy, do collateral lines include siblings". And Google's AI responded.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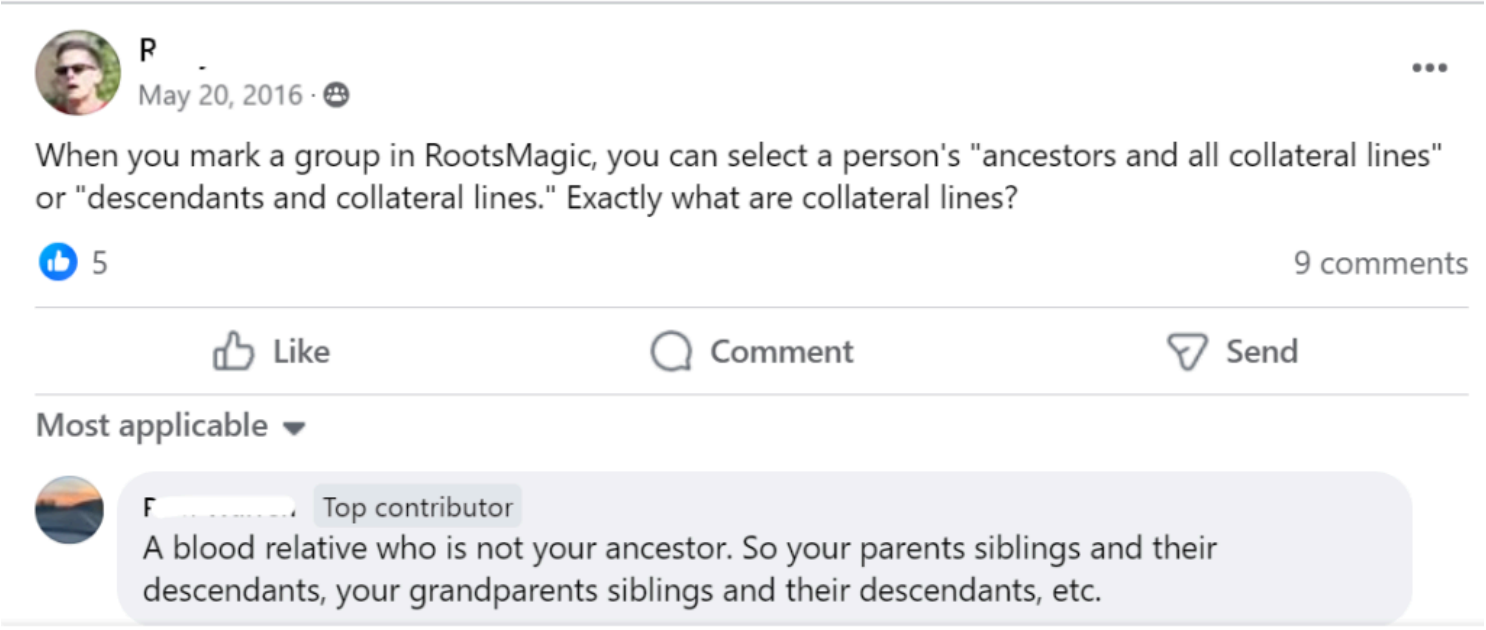
Yes, siblings are considered collateral relatives in genealogy, along with their offspring. Collateral relatives are people who share a common ancestor but are not directly related through a line of descent, such as parents and children. Other examples of collateral relatives include aunts, uncles, and cousins.

I then checked the RootsMagic Users Facebook group for clarification on how RootsMagic defines a collateral line. The first post I found was a direct question with a response similar to the AI definition of collateral lines.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May 20, 2016 ·
When you mark a group in RootsMagic, you can select a person's "ancestors and all collateral lines" or "descendants and collateral lines." Exactly what are collateral lines?
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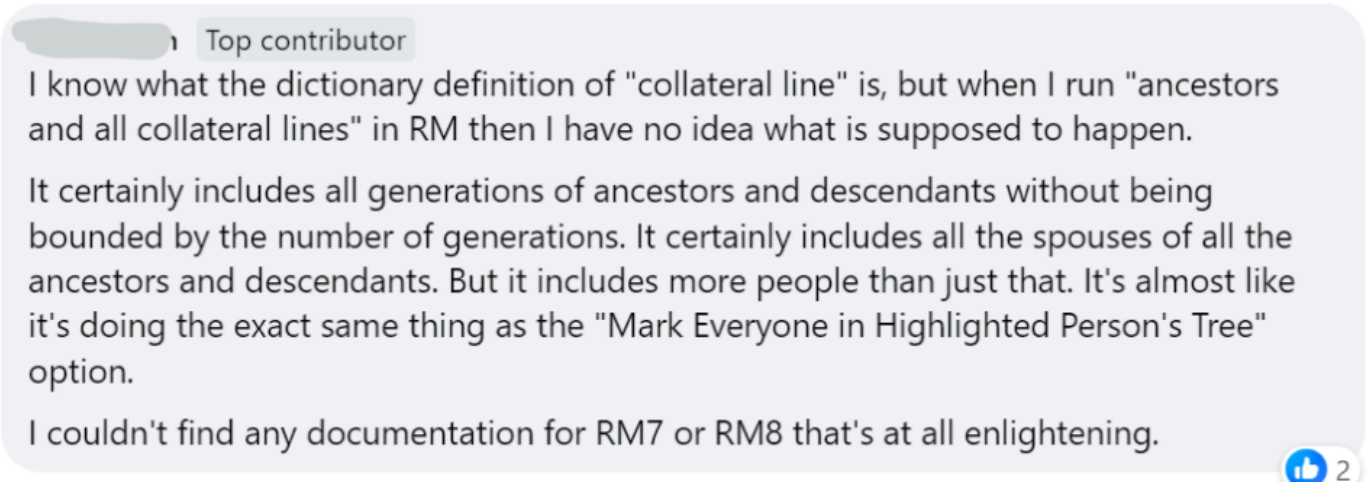
A blood relative who is not your ancestor. So your parents siblings and their descendants, your grandparents siblings and their descendants, etc.

Digging further on Facebook, I found a similar post from 2023. In the comments to that post was a reponse by someone who has helped me a lot with RM issues.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I know what the dictionary definition of "collateral line" is, but when I run "ancestors and all collateral lines" in RM then I have no idea what is supposed to happen.
It certainly includes all generations of ancestors and descendants without being bounded by the number of generations. It certainly includes all the spouses of all the ancestors and descendants. But it includes more people than just that. It's almost like it's doing the exact same thing as the "Mark Everyone in Highlighted Person's Tree" option.
I couldn't find any documentation for RM7 or RM8 that's at all enlightening.
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When I searched the RootsMagic Community, I couldn't find any post that would help clarify this. So, I submitted a question.

(Note: When I tried to create a Kinship report for a different grandfather and selected descendants and collateral lines, it included his great grandmothers back as far as I have data. Changing the generation count did not impact the appearance of these 'greats' in the report.)

While I'm now confused about what it means to select 'Descendants and collateral lines', I want to thank Randy for making me try a new report!

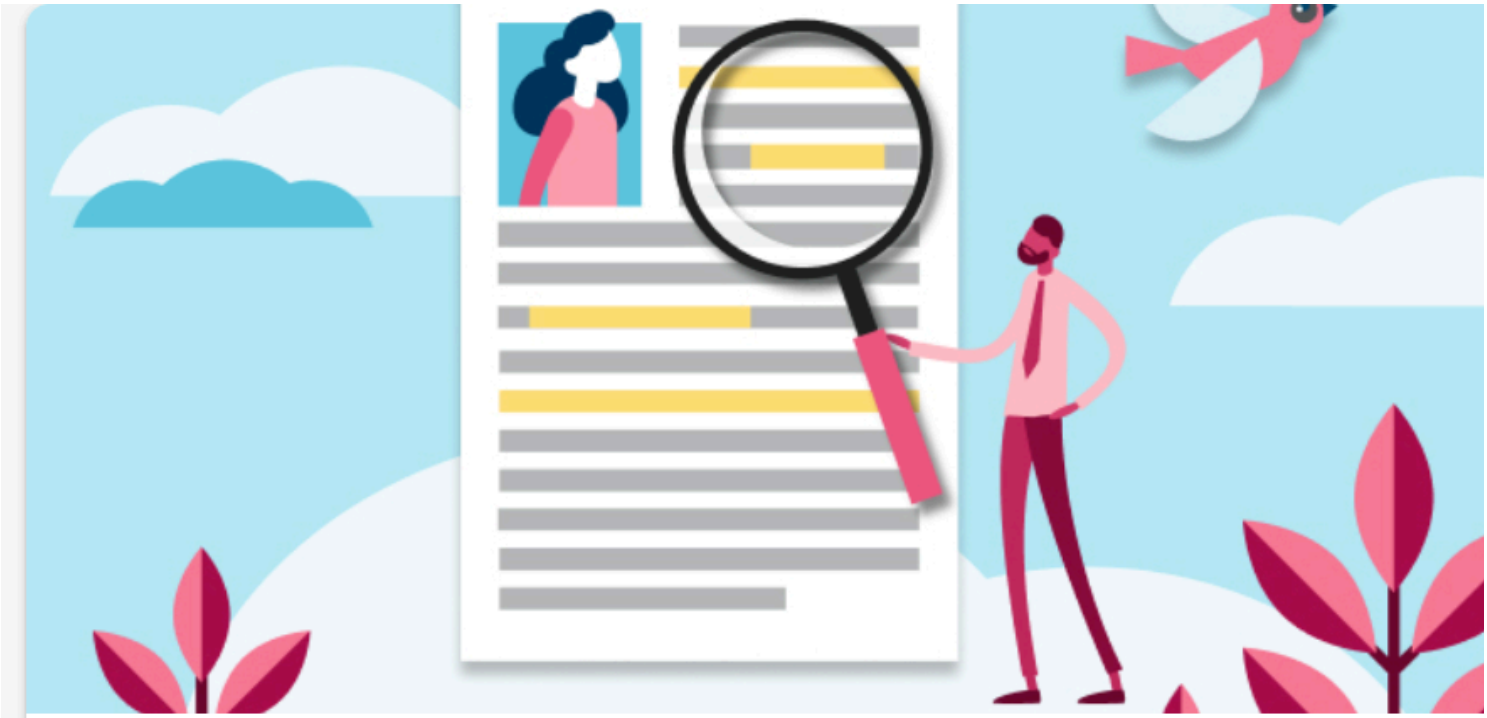
Artificial Intelligence

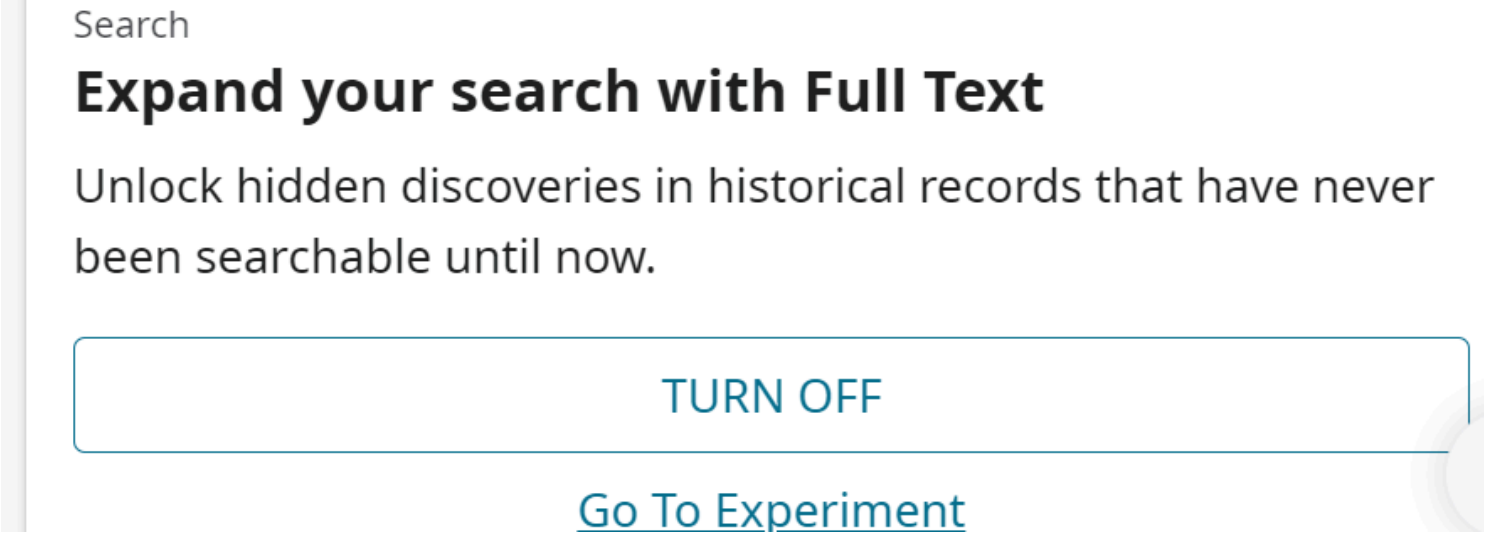
By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 5, 2024
Artificial Intelligence

Are you playing with AI (Artificial Intelligence) tools?

While I may not delve into AI as extensively as Randy Seaver at Genea-Musings (do check out his AI related posts), I've certainly been experimenting. In fact, I'm integrating these tools into my daily research and writing activities.

One tool I've been using isn't a widely recognized AI engine, but it uses AI to create content. That 'tool' is FamilySearch's new experimental lab, which not only indexes but also transcribes and now summarizes images of deeds and wills in their collection. You can access this tool on their Experimental Labs page by looking for 'Expand your search with Full Text' and clicking on 'Go to Experiment'. [Refer to my my earlier post for tips on using this site.]

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Expand your search with Full Text
Unlock hidden discoveries in historical records that have never been searchable until now.
TURN OFF
Go To Experiment

Another favorite tool of mine is the Sider extension for Chrome. With this extension, I can drag an image of a newspaper clipping and have it extract the text. Despite occasional errors, the speed and accuracy with which it transcribes these old newspaper articles is a significant time-saver. [AI and Images]

After learning more about the 'behind the scenes' workings of my blog, I started using ChatGPT to write meta descriptions for my posts. While these summaries can sometimes be a bit 'flowery,' they are always an improvement over what I would write.

I've also begun using ChatGPT to summarize groups of newspaper clippings. My favorite example is ChatGPT's summary of articles about the Nemaha County sheriff's residence and jail from 1870-1960. Another notable instance is its summarization of the specifications for the 1879 jail and sheriff's residence.

I teerms of writing, ChatGPT has been invaluable. Inspired by Randy Seaver's AI generated poems, I provided ChatGPT with information about my great-great grandfather Washington Marion Crawford's, military service and asked it to write a poem. This ancestor had written a poem about his time in the military, making it a fitting tribute.

More recently, I asked ChatGPT to take the articles I had collected about a Purple Heart recipient and create a children's story. I then used ElevenLabs to convert that story to audio.

ChatGPT has also helped explain legal terms found in old deeds, greatly assisting me in utilizing these documents.

For historical research, my favorite tool is Perplexity [Perplexed but Learning]. Recently, I asked Perplexity about the 'luggage' that emigrants would bring with them. I appreciate that Perplexity not only answers the question but also provides the sources for its information.

> **What kind of luggage did emigrants from Germany bring with them when traveling steerage in 1901?**
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> Based on the search results and historical context, emigrants traveling in steerage from Germany in 1901 would have typically brought the following types of luggage:
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> 1. Small trunks or chests: These were sturdy, often wooden containers reinforced with metal corners and strapping. By 1901, some trunks were made entirely of sheet metal[4].
>
> 2. Suitcases: These were becoming more common for travel by the turn of the 20th century.
>
> 3. Cloth bundles: Simple and inexpensive way to carry belongings.
>
> 4. Small bags: Easy to carry and manage during the journey.
>
> 5. Wicker baskets or hampers: Used for carrying various items, including food.
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> The luggage would have been relatively modest in size and quantity, as steerage passengers had limited space[1][4]. Emigrants often had to make difficult choices about what to bring, focusing on essential items such as:
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> – Clothing and linens
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> – Small kitchen utensils
>
> – Basic tools
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> – Family mementos or valuables
>
> – Some food for the journey
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> It's important to note that many emigrants, especially those traveling in steerage, would have had to sell or leave behind larger items like furniture due to space constraints and the cost of transport[4]. The goal was to travel as light as possible while bringing the most essential and valuable possessions.
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> Emigrants often packed their belongings with great care, as these items represented their entire material wealth and would be crucial for starting their new lives in America. The luggage itself was not only functional but also symbolic, often described as being "packed with hope"[5].
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[4] https://www.historymuseum.ca/cmc/exhibitions/tresors/immigration/imf0900e.html

[5] https://byemyself.com/migration-from-north-german-ports-to-the-americas/

I love using these tools! However, I am concerned about their impact on education. As a former teacher, I know students will inevitably find and use these tools for research and writing assignments. In some cases, they may even ask ChatGPT or another AI tool to do an assignment for them. Is this ‘cheating’ or is it a valid use of resources? Educators, parents and students will need to navigate this quickly.

On the other hand, I believe students need to be taught how to use these tools. While still in development AI tools will impact the workplace. By helping high school students learn to effectively use these tools now, they will be equipped for the workplace of the future.

James Crawford Will

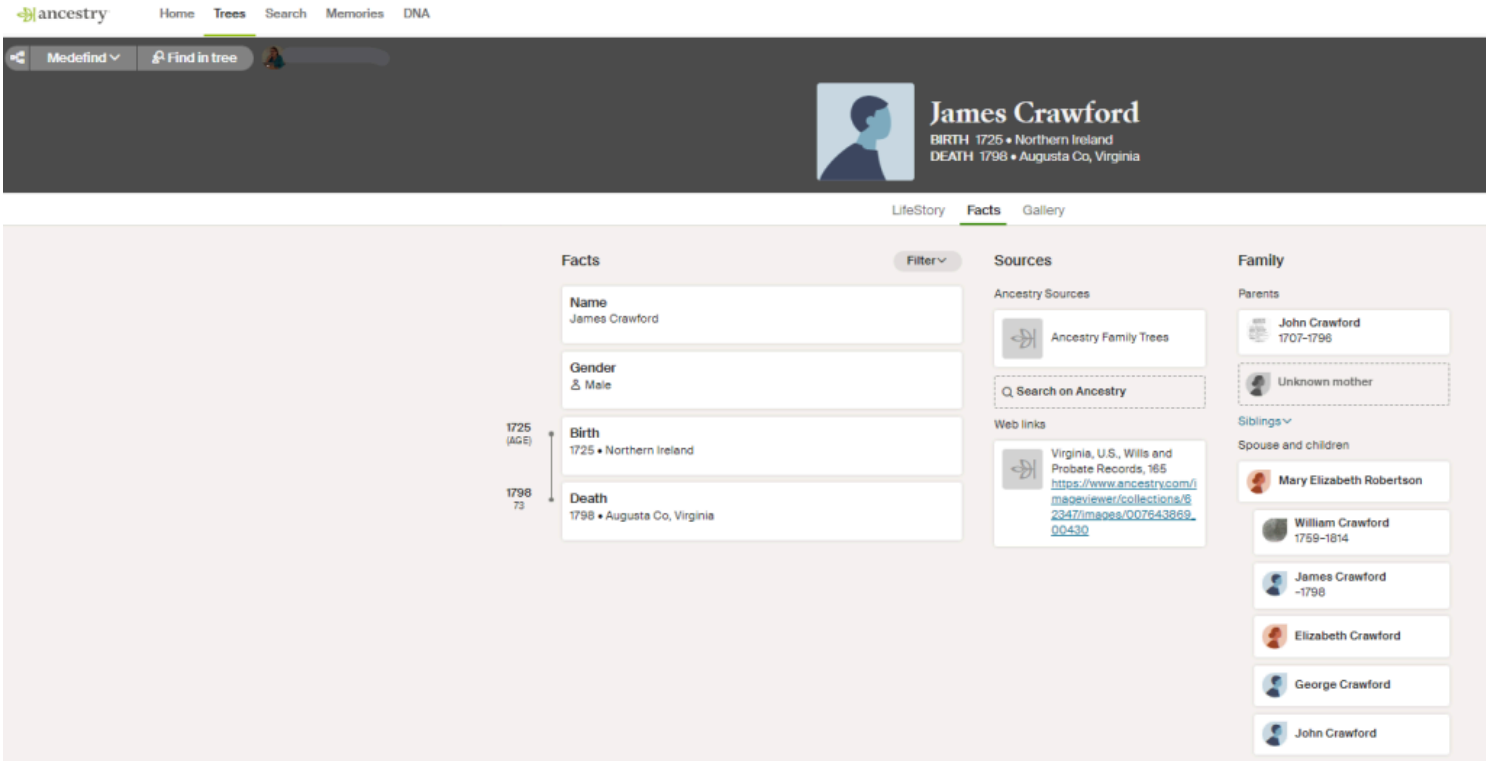
By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 5, 2024
Augusta County,Crawford,Virginia

Have you ever encountered a will that identifies quite a few family members to only discover that online trees don't match the will? As I'm searching records in Montgomery, Boutetourt and Augusta counties in Virginia for any record that might help piece together Crawford families, I came across such a will.

The 1798 Augusta County, Virginia will signed by James Crawford identifies the following family members:

- wife, Mary
- youngest son, John Crawford
- son George Crawford
- son James Crawford
- son William Crawford
- daughter Sarah Crawford
- daughter Elizabeth Crawford
- brother William Crawford
- brother in law William Robertson
- witness George Crawford
- witness Robert Crawford
- witness Robert Craig
- adjoining land owner: John Poages
- adjoining land owner: William Craig
- adjoining land owner: Samuel Bell
- adjoining land owner Goerge Poffs
- adjoining land owner Johnson

I did find one Ancestry tree that cited the will. However, it is missing one of the daughters. When Mary Robertson's profile is viewed, this tree does not include the brother-in-law.



Another tree has a James Crawford who died in 1798 in Augusta County, Virginia with a wife named Mary. Again the family in the tree does not match the family in the will. However, this tree shows James to be the son of George Crawford and Elizabeth Poage. With the Poage connection, it is possible that the 1798 will is for this James Crawford.

Since the will mentions land in Kentucky, further research is needed to see if there is any connection to the Crawford families in Garrard county, Kentucky.

Augusta County Virginia

Will Book 8, 1792-1799

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In the name of God Amen I James Crawford Crawford of the County
of Augusta and State of Virginia Being in a sick and Low condition of Body
But of Perfect Mind and Memory believing and knowing that it is appoint
ted for all men to die do make this my last Will and Testament first of all
I Commit my Soul to Almighty God The Giver & my Body to the dust
Hoping that I shall receive them United & united to Jesus my Great
Spiritual Head at the resurrection of the Just and as for what worldly Estate
it hath pleased God to Bless me with I dispose of it in the following
Manner & form first of all It is my will that my Just & Lawfull
Debts be Justly & Honestly paid secondly I give & Bequeath to my well
beloved wife Mary my dwelling house Mill & one fourth part of my land
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& William Crawford To them their heirs & assigns forever to be divided equally
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& John Crawford to them their heirs & assigns or each of them forever
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all other wills & Testaments by me in any wise made heretofore & Confirm
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Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred &
Ninety Eight
James Crawford Ⓟ
Signed Sealed & acknowledged
in the presence of – Robert Craig
George Crawford
Robert Crawford
At a Court Cont & held for Augusta County February the 21st 1798
This last will and Testament of James Crawford decd was proved by the oath
of George Crawford and Robert Crawford two of the witnesses thereto & ordered to
be recorded , & on the motion of William Crawford & William Robertson execut –
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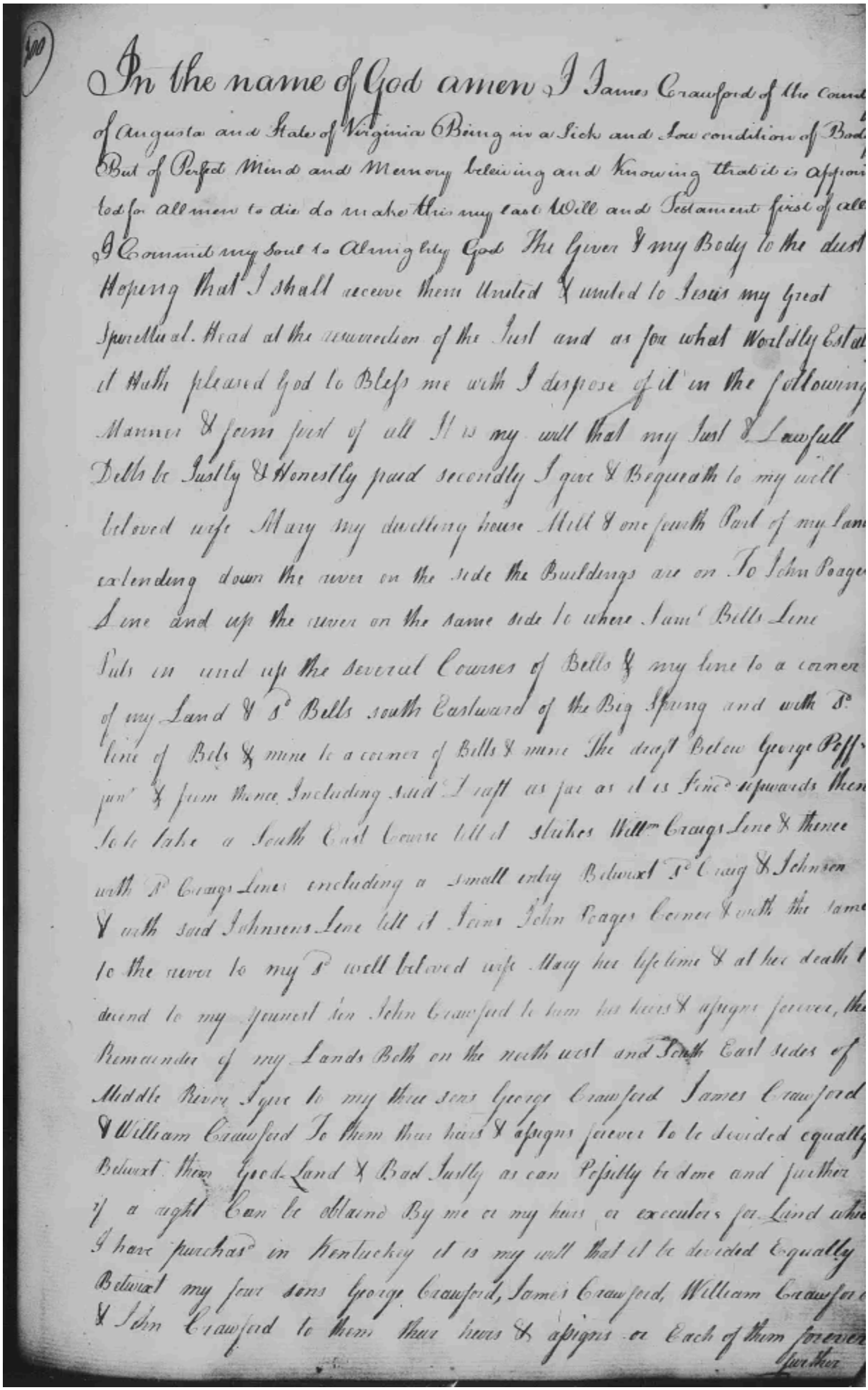

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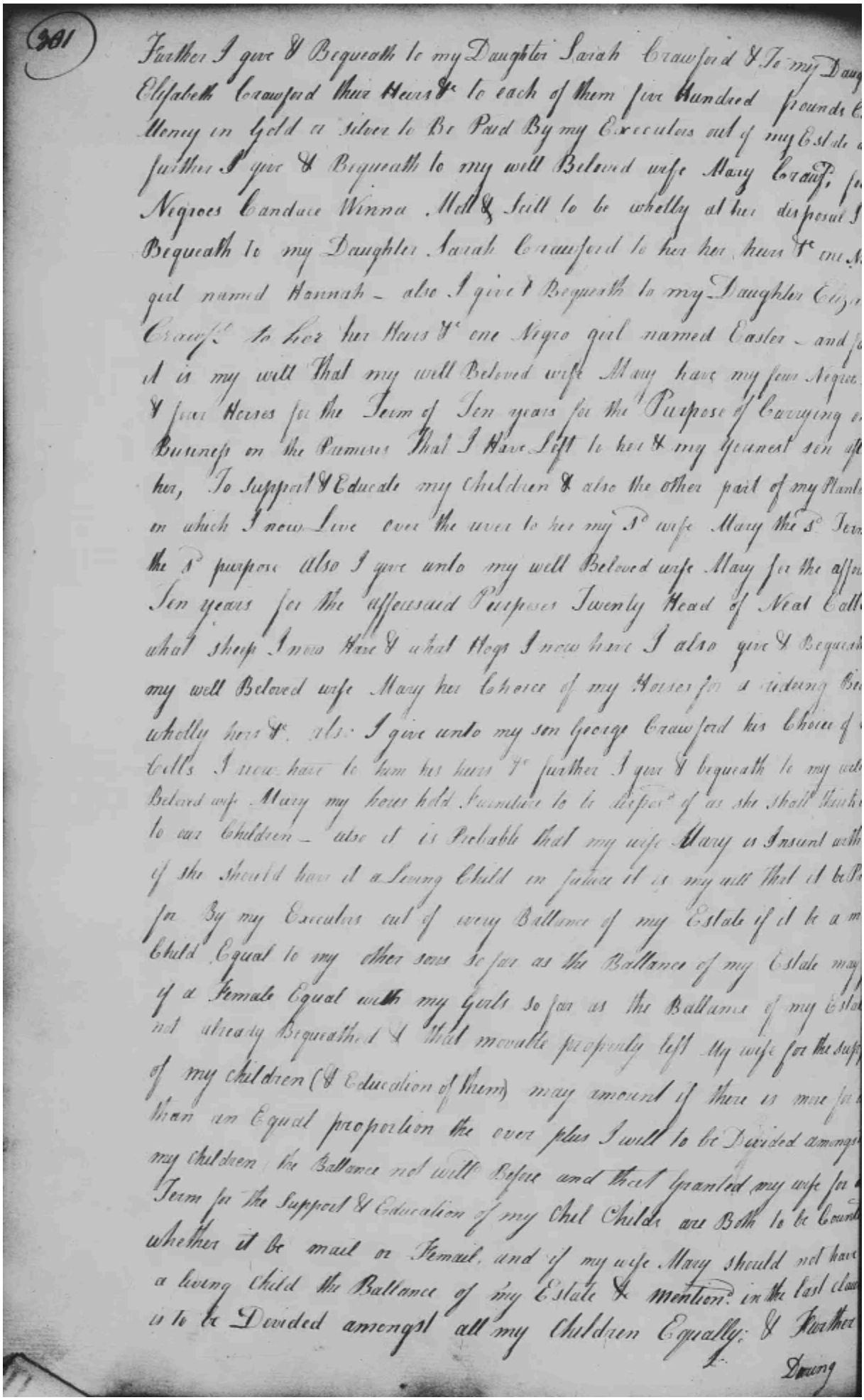

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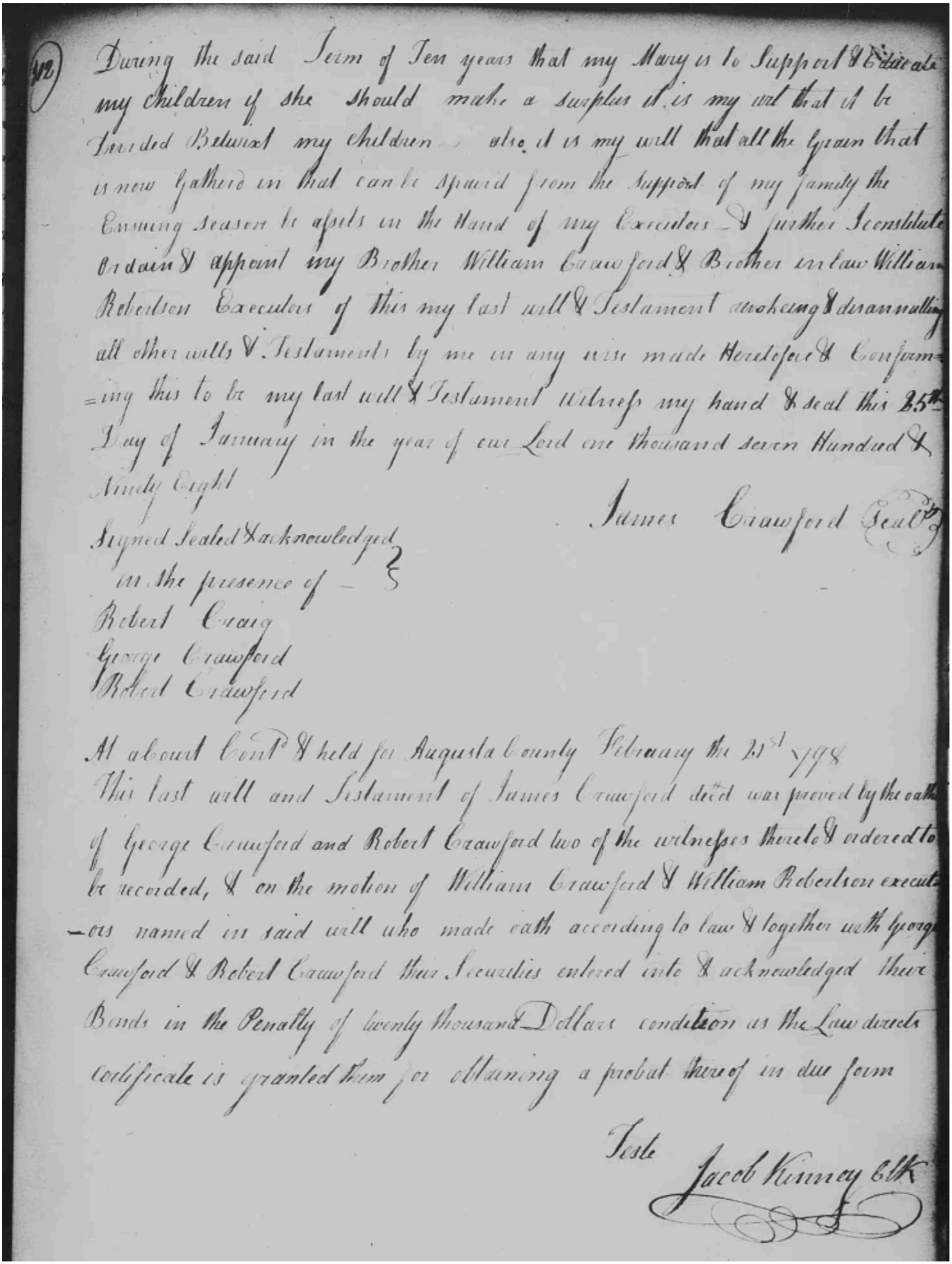

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During the said Term of Ten years that my Mary is to Support & Educate my Children if she should make a surplus it is my will that it be Devided Betwixt my Children — also it is my will that all the Grain that is now Gathered in that can be Spared from the Support of my family the Ensuing Season be apeels in the Hand of my Executors — I further Constitute Ordain & appoint my Brother William Crawford & Brother in law William Robertson Executors of this my last will & Testament revoking & disannulling all other wills & Testaments by me in any wise made Ratifying & Confirming this to be my last will & Testament Witness my hand & seal this 25th Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred & Ninety Eight

James Crawford Seal

Signed Sealed & acknowledged
in the presence of —
Robert Craig
George Crawford
Robert Crawford

At a Court held for Augusta County February the 21st 1798
This last will and Testament of James Crawford dcd was proved by the oaths of George Crawford and Robert Crawford two of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded, & on the motion of William Crawford & William Robertson executors named in said will who made oath according to law & together with George Crawford & Robert Crawford their Securities entered into & acknowledged their Bonds in the Penalty of twenty thousand Dollars condition as the Law directs Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form

Teste Jacob Kinney Clk

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 6, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart

Elgin Strahm

(written by ChatGPT based on transcriptions from newspaper articles and Find a Grave information)

Elgin Strahm was born on January 3, 1919, and his life tragically ended on July 1, 1943, in Morobe, Papua New Guinea. His name is memorialized on the Tablet of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in Manila, Philippines.
Elgin's journey into military service began when he was listed among 35 men from Nemaha County accepted for military duty in early March 1942 (Courier Tribune, March 2, 1942). By mid-April 1942, he was among nineteen young men who left for the service of Uncle Sam, receiving a heartfelt send-off from friends and family (Corning Gazette, April 16, 1942).
After his induction, Elgin's military journey took him to various training camps across the United States. In early May 1942, he was stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas (Sabetha Herald, May 6, 1942). By July, he had moved to Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, as part of the 592nd Engineer Boat Regiment (Sabetha Herald, July 8, 1942). He visited his family in December 1942 while stationed at Fort Ord, California (Sabetha Herald, December 23, 1942). His promotion to Staff Sergeant came in January 1943 while he was deployed in the South Pacific (Sabetha Herald, January 20, 1943).
Elgin's service culminated in his deployment to the Southwest Pacific, where he arrived in New Guinea in May 1943. His role in the Engineering Amphibian Boat service was critical, and he quickly rose through the ranks due to his dedication and leadership skills (Courier Tribune, July 15, 1943).
On July 1, 1943, Elgin Strahm was killed in action. His death was a profound loss to his family and the community of Sabetha. A heartfelt message from the Secretary of War conveyed the news to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed B. Strahm, marking a sorrowful day for all who knew him (Courier Tribune, July 15, 1943).
Elgin's memory was honored through various tributes and memorials. A scripture from Ephesians was used to commemorate his life and service, highlighting his spiritual strength and the impact he had on his comrades. Letters from his fellow soldiers, like Cpl. Alfred Smith and Sgt. Claude W. Powell, spoke of his leadership, cheerfulness, and the respect he commanded among his peers (Sabetha Herald, October 27, 1943).
Memorial services for Elgin were held on October 31, 1943, at the Christian Apostolic Church in Sabetha. The community came together to pay tribute to a man held in deep affection by all who knew him. The American Legion and Legion Auxiliary members were present, reflecting the high regard in which he was held (Sabetha Herald, November 3, 1943).
Elgin Strahm's legacy lives on as a testament to his bravery, leadership, and the ultimate sacrifice he made for his country. His life, though short, was filled with meaningful contributions to his community and nation. He is remembered not only as a soldier but as a beloved son, brother, and friend.

Sources Used:

- Find a Grave Memorial
  - Birth: 3 Jan 1919
  - Death: 1 Jul 1943 – Morobe, Papua New Guinea
  - Monument: Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in Manila, Capital District, National Capital Region, Philippines
  - Tablet of the missing
- Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 2 Mar 1942, page 1
  - List of 35 about to Go
- Corning Gazette (Corning, KS) 16 Apr 1942, page 1
  - Nineteen More in Army from Nemaha County
- Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 13 Apr 1942, page 1
  - MORE MEN TO THE ARMY. OVER TWENTY TODAY
- Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, KS) 6 May 1942, page 1
  - Service Men's Addresses
- Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, KS) 8 Jul 1942, page 1
  - Service Men's Addresses
- Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, KS) 23 Dec 1942, page 1
  - Sgt. Elgin Strahm is here from Ft. Ord, Calif., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Strahm and family.
- Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, KS) 20 Jan 1943, page 1
  - Elgin Strahm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Strahm, who is somewhere in the South Pacific, has recently been promoted and is now a staff sergeant.
- Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, KS) 27 Oct 1943, page 1
  - Men In The Service – Death Of Elgin Strahm Lives On As Sermon

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  - Service for Elgin Strahm
- Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, KS) 3 Nov 1943, page 1
  - Men In The Service – Memorial Service for Elgin Strahm
- Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 15 Jul 1943, page 1
  - SABETHA BOY GIVES LIFE IN WAR OF PACIFIC

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 7, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart

Today is National Purple Heart Day.

A year ago, I heard the morning DJ announce that 'today is Purple Heart Day'. As a volunteer for the Nemaha County Historical Society, my first thought was to find the list of Nemaha County residents who had received a Purple Heart and share it on Facebook. Unfortunately, I could not find a master list of Purple Heart receipients or even a specific list for Nemaha county.

This marked the beginning of my year-long quest to compile a comprehensive list of Purple Heart recipients from Nemaha County, Kansas. Using various resources, including self-reporting, I have assembled a list that is still likely incomplete. This list is now available on the Nemaha County Historical Society's Purple Heart page.

Recently, I learned about the National Purple Heart Trail sponsored by the Military Order of the Purple Heart. I am hopeful that tonight, the Seneca City Council will proclaim Seneca, Kansas as a Purple Heart City.

Tax Records

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 8, 2024
Crawford,Taxes,Virginia

Have you ever tried to identify households living in an area prior to the census? If so, you've likely turned to tax records. While I've used these records extensively, I often struggle to connect a name in a tax record to a name in my family tree.

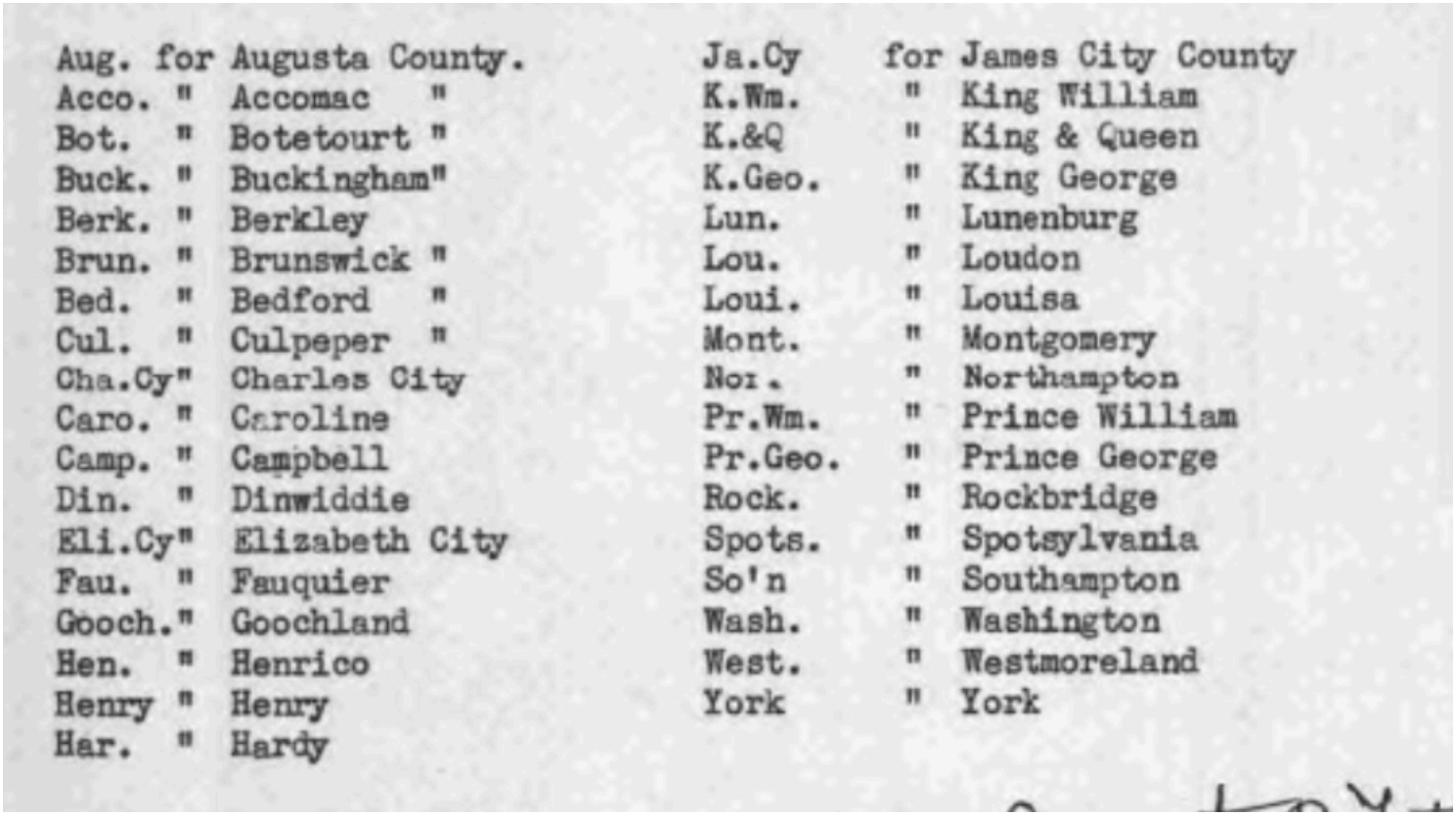
My Crawford research is particularly challenging because it involves multiple men with the same name of the same approximate age, as well as several different family lines living in the same area. This makes it difficult to identify and verify family relationships.

My ultimate goal is to find the parents of my ancestor, James Crawford (1772-1854). However, my research also involves two other James Crawford lines: James (1758-1836) and James (1770-1833). To identify these families in the Virginia records, I will not only look for James Crawford but also branch out to records involving some of my Kentucky FAN (Friends, Associates, and Neighbors) club members:

- James Crawford (1758-1836) – wife **Rebecca Anderson** [LZ6S-RWZ]
- Bazaleel Maxwell – brother-in-law of James Crawford (wife Rebecca Anderson)
- John Crawford – husband of Rebekah Douglass – probably parents of James Crawford (1772-1833)
- George Douglass – brother to Rebekah Douglas

James (1758-1836) and John Crawford are likely brothers. Since I already have two records from Montgomery County, VIrginia (a marriage record for James Crawford to Rebecca Maxwell and a will for John Crawford), I'm starting my Virginia research with Montgomery county. Fortunately, the FamilySearch wiki for Montgomery County, Virginia identifies several sources for these early tax records.

The source, Virginia Tax Payers, 1782-1787, is proving valuable since it combines the information from these tax records for several Virginia counties including Augusta, Botetourt, Montgomery and even Lincoln County, Kentucky. Unfortunately, this book does cover every Virginia county.



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Bot.	"	Botetourt "	K.&Q	"	King & Queen
Buck.	"	Buckingham"	K.Geo.	"	King George
Berk.	"	Berkley	Lun.	"	Lunenburg
Brun.	"	Brunswick "	Lou.	"	Loudon
Bed.	"	Bedford "	Loui.	"	Louisa
Cul.	"	Culpeper "	Mont.	"	Montgomery
Cha.Cy	"	Charles City	Nor.	"	Northampton
Caro.	"	Caroline	Pr.Wm.	"	Prince William
Camp.	"	Campbell	Pr.Geo.	"	Prince George
Din.	"	Dinwiddie	Rock.	"	Rockbridge
Eli.Cy	"	Elizabeth City	Spots.	"	Spotsylvania
Fau.	"	Fauquier	So'n	"	Southampton
Gooch.	"	Goochland	Wash.	"	Washington
Hen.	"	Henrico	West.	"	Westmoreland
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Har.	"	Hardy			

Using screenshots and the Chrome extension, Sider, I as able to quickly copy the list of names into Excel. Now I have a list of Crawford taxpayers in various Virginia counties prior to1800:

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30	Crawford, Alexander	1	2	Aug.
30	Crawford, David	1		Aug.
30	Crawford, George	1	1	Aug.
30	Crawford, George			Aug.
30	Crawford, George			Aug.
30	Crawford, James	3	10	Aug.
30	Crawford, James	1	5	Aug.
30	Crawford, John	1	4	Aug.
30	Crawford, Nathan	1		Aug.
30	Crawford, Patrick	2	7	Aug.
30	Crawford, William	1	4	Aug.
36	Douglass, William	1	1	Aug.
36	Dooley, George	1	1	Bed.
36	Dooley, John	1	1	Bed.
36	Dooley, John	1		Bed.
36	Dooley, Joseph	1		Bed.
36	Dooley, Rebecca	2		Bed.
36	Dooley, Stephen	1		Bed.
36	Dooley, Thomas	1		Bed.
36	Dooley, Thomas, Jr.	1		Bed.
36	Douglass, David	1	4	Bed.
36	Douglas, John	1	1	Berk.
36	Douglas, William	1	1	Berk.
81	Maxwell, John	1		Berk.
81	Maxwell, John	1		Berk.
30	Crawford, Andrew	1		Bot.
30	Crawford, Andrew, Jr.	1		Bot.
30	Crawford, Archibald	1		Bot.
30	Crawford, James	1		Bot.
30	Crawford, John	1	1	Bot.
30	Crawford, John, Jr.	1		Bot.
30	Crawford, Josiah	1		Bot.
30	Crawford, Rev. Edward	1	3	Bot.
30	Crawford, Samuel	1	2	Bot.
30	Crawford, Samuel	2		Bot.
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36	Douglass, John	1	5	Buck.
36	Douglas, Sarah	1	1	C.Geo.
36	Douglass, William	1	1	C.Geo.
36	Douglas, Robert, Sr.	1	2	Camp.
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30	Crafford, Gideon	1	2	Cul
30	Crafford, Oliver			Cul
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36	Douglass, Thomas	1	1	Fau.
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30	Crawford, James	1	2	Fay.
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81	Maxwell, Thomas			Fay.
81	Maxwell, William			Fay.
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30	Crawford, John	1	2	Hen.
36	Dooley, Thomas	1	2	Henry
36	Douglass, Andrew	1	1	Henry
36	Douglas, John	1	8	K.&Qu.
36	Douglas, Robert, Jr.	1	3	K.&Qu.
30	Crawford, Rebecca			Lin.
36	Douglass, Alexander	1	1	Lin.
36	Douglass, George	1	1	Lin.

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30	Crawford, Peter	1	3	Loui
36	Douglass, Rev. Wm.	1	37	Loui.
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30	Crawford, Robert	1		Mont.
36	Dooley, Abraham	1		Mont.
36	Douglass, James	1	3	Mont.
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81	Maxwell, William	1	1	Mont.
36	Douglass, Mrs. Cato	1	20	Pr.Wm.
30	Crawford, James	1		Rock.
30	Crawford, William	1		Rock.
30	Crawford, William	1		Rock.
36	Dooly, Valentine	1		Rock.
81	Maxwell, John	2		Rock.
30	Crafford	7		So'n
30	Crawford, Christopher	1		Spots.
30	Crawford, James	1		Spots.
30	Crawford, James, Sr.	1	6	Spots.
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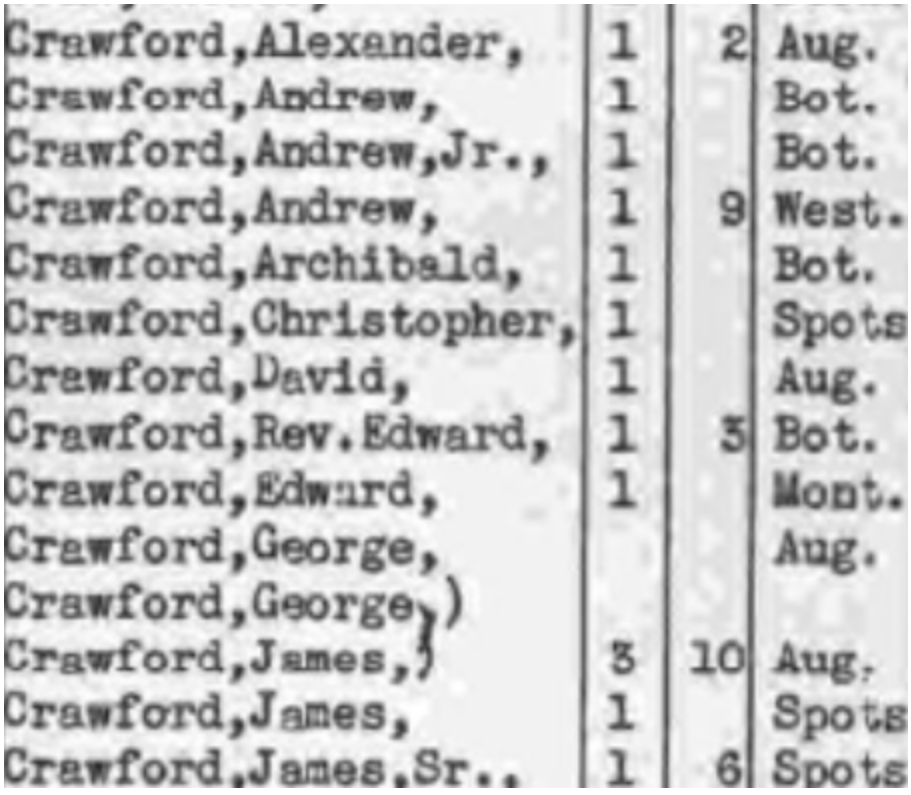
36	Douglass, Joseph	1	3	West.



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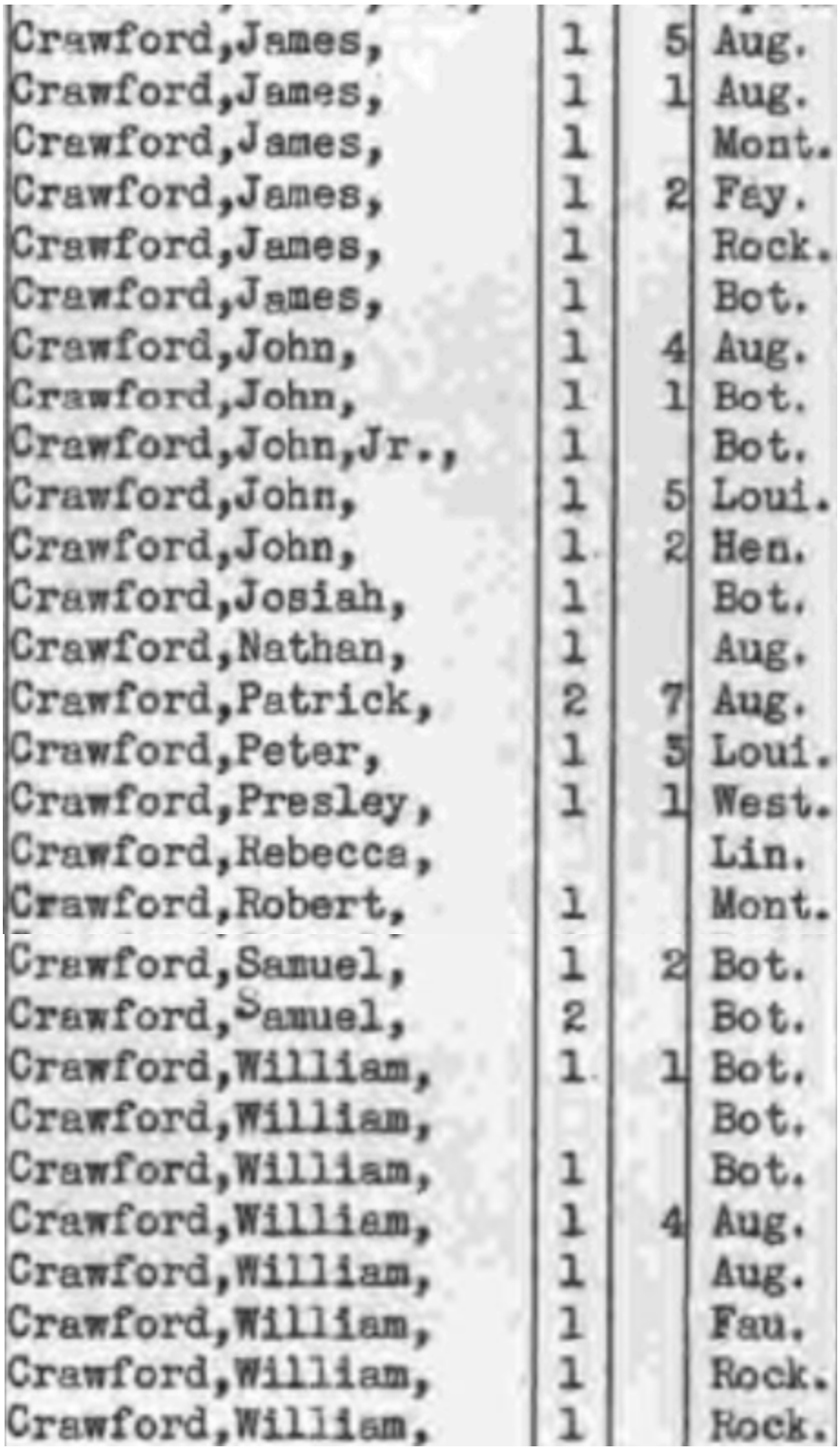

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Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 9, 2024
Augusta County,Crawford,Virginia

Do you have photocopies from books without a copy of the title page? As I'm researching the Crawford family in western Virginia, I came across a citation pointing to an old document in my files: Crawford.OH.028.

According to what is written at the top of the first page, this photocopy is from Miami Valley Genealogies, Vol. 2, Families A-K. According to World Cat, this resource by Lindsay Brien was a 5 volume set of books.

While this Crawford genealogy contains some sources, there is no guarantee that the families are not mixed up.

Below is a transcription of this information. I used screenshots from the PDF file and the Sider Chrome extension to transcribe the text. I found some 'hallucinations' when proofreading the document but the vast majority was transcribed correctly.

> Miami Valley Genealogies
> Vol. 2
> Families A-K
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> Page 49
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> CRAWFORD
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> It has been well established that the Crawford family, early settlers of Augusta County, Virginia, settled first in Pennsylvania. From Virginia they removed to Kentucky, Ohio and Missouri.
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> Waddell, in his "Annals of Augusta County" and Peyton, in his "History of Augusta County" give short records of this family and by referring to the court records of Augusta County, three volumes by Chalkley, a fairly complete record is compiled.
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> The first mention of this family in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, is when Ann Crawford, a widow, mother of Patrick, James, George and Alexander, is granted 200 acres of land, Mar. 31, 1736. The son James was granted 200 acres on the same date. This is the James Crawford, merchant, who later settled on Middle River, Augusta County, Virginia. A suit in Augusta County shows that Alexander Crawford was a resident of Lancaster Co., Pa., another suit shows the family lived near the mouth of Octoraro Creek in Lancaster County.
>
> In Chalkley, Vol. I, p. 82, we find that Alexander Crawford was in Virginia in 1746 and Aug. 19, 1758 was added to the tithables of Augusta County. There may have been two other brothers, as Thomas Crawford was added to the list of tithables, Aug. 26, 1750 (Chalkley, Vol. I, p. 41) and William was there in 1755, and guardian for the children of Alexander in 1768 (Same p147).
>
> On Aug. 12, 1747, George Crawford was appointed "Overseer of the Road" (same p 30) Aug. 24, 1754 (p 65) Patrick is defendant in a suit; and that James Crawford died in 1751 (p370) "possessed of considerable estate." There was also a sister, Marry, who married John Poage or Pogue. Her brother Patrick gives consent.
>
> Alexander Crawford was a large land owner and at the time of his death possessed 1640 acres. His wife was Mary McPheeters and they were both killed by Indians, the exact date not known, but in 1764. William McPheeters was the Administrator. They had issue:
>
> John Crawford, born 1741, died Jan. 1832, age 91 years. He served through the Revolution, from Point Pleasant to Yorktown, (Waddell, p 462) and is buried in Hebron Church yard. He married (1) Peggy Crawford, daughter of Patrick; she died Feb. 1788, as her estate was administered by John Feb. 19, 1788. They had one daughter, Margaret, who married Daniel Fall, Aug. 30, 1797 and removed to Ohio. John married (2) Mary Craig and had issue five children, among them a son Samuel and a daughter Mary, who married Samuel Gillespie.
>
> John married (3) Feb. 24, 1797, Sarah Newman of Fredericksburg and hand issue, James, William and John, all to Missouri; and daughters Nancy, wife of Leroy Newman and Fanny, who married Henry Pippetoe. The migration to Missouri was in 1838.
>
> Alexander Crawford Jr. served in the Revolution and died June 19, 1830. He married (1) — Hopkins and had issue — Polly, Betsy, Kittie and Sally.

(2) the widow McClure and had issue — James, William, George, Samuel, Robert, William. George and Samuel died young.

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Edward Crawford, graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1775, a Presbyterian Minister.

James Crawford, also a Presbyterian Minister, removed to Kentucky.

Rebecca Crawford married John Sawyer and removed to Kentucky. He was born in 1753 and in Chalkley, Vol. 1, p 148, find “Mar. 19,1768, Rebecca Crawford, daughter of Alexander, chose William Crawford her guardian

Mary Crawford, no record except that William Crawford is guardian.

Martha Crawford, married Alexander Craig. All her children went west.

Robert Crawford, married Sarah Crawford, a cousin, daughter of George Crawford, His will recorded Oct.29,1810, names wife Sarah and children, George, Elizabeth, Hugh, Jane, James, Robert, William and John. Chalkley, Vol.1 p 155, “Mar.21,1769, William McPheeters, Jr., guardian for Alexander and Robert, orphans of Alexander Crawford dec’d.”

Samuel Crawford, probably the youngest child of Alexander and Mary (McPheeters) Crawford, was born in 1759, as Mar. 17, 1773, Samuel Crawford, age 14 years, orphan of Alexander Crawford, chose Samuel McPheeters guardian.”
(Same p 170) This is perhaps the Samuel, who married Oct. 9, 1790, Elizabeth Craig, Elizabeth Craig and left a will recorded in 1795, his son William and a brother James.

James Crawford settled on Middle River, Augusta County, where he died in 1751; his wife was Elizabeth Robertson, sister of William Robertson; issue –

Jane Crawford, who married, 1769, James Brown.

James Crawford, Jr., who qualified as a Justice, Apr. 28, 1785. Chalkley, Vol. 1, p 370, “May 1774, James Brown and Jane his wife, married July 1769, late Jane Crawford, daughter of James Crawford, who died 1751, possessed of considerable estate, leaving a widow, Elizabeth and two children, Jane (above) and James.”

Elizabeth Crawford, nee Robertson, a sister of William Robertson. James Sr. had a brother Patrick Crawford.

George Crawford was in Virginia as early as 1747, when he was appointed Overseer of the Road. He died between 1780-84; the name of his wife is not known and the list of his children is not complete; those known –

James Crawford, the oldest son died in 1798; he married, Dec. 30, 1786, Mary Crawford, a cousin, (daughter of Patrick) and had issue –

Sarah, married Charles McClung.

James Crawford, never married.

William Crawford never married

John, married, Jan. 1819, Margaret Bell (dau. of Wm.)

George, died inf.

Elizabeth, married Samuel McClung.

Mary, born after father’s death; married John Allen.

Chalkley, Vol. 2, p. 259, Crawford vs Crawford, 1821; William Bell and Margaret Crawford, executors of James Crawford, who died in Augusta County, will dated 1798, leaving six children, four sons and two daughters. A daughter born after his death, son George died as infant; William never married; Sarah married Charles

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Clung; Elizabeth, married Samuel McClung; Polly, posthumous daughter, married John Allen, Sarah and Polly are dead (1821); Mary the widow lives with her daughter Elizabeth in Greenbrier County.

John Crawford, no record.

George Crawford Jr., served in the Revolution and July 18, 1786 (Vol. 1, p 246) is allowed for a gun lost in service and in 1799 (p. 292) is exempt from levy because of age and infirmity. (Could this be George Sr.?)

Daughter, married Col. Andrew Anderson, as his first wife; she died Aug. 12, 1786 and he married (2) Mar. 13, 1788, her cousin, Martha Crawford, daughter of Patrick. (Chalkley, Vol. 2, p. 206) “Col. Andrew Anderson deposes, Oct. 29, 1818, that he married in Staunton, the oldest daughter of George Crawford of Augusta, who died Aug. 12, 1786.”

William Crawford, will recorded in Rockbridge County, June 3, 1783; names wife Mary; sons, George, William, John; daughters, Eleanor, Isabel, Mary, Elizabeth.

Sarah Crawford, married her cousin, Robert Crawford, son of Alexander; had issue – George, Elizabeth, Hugh, James, Jane, Robert, William, John.

Patrick Crawford was born in Ireland, and came first to Pennsylvania and removed from there to Augusta County, Virginia in about 1750 (Waddell). His wife was Sarah Wilson; issue, four sons and five daughters. The daughters were:

Martha, baptized 1748, probably died young.

Elizabeth, born Oct 18, 1751, married Alexander Roberton.

Peggy, married John Crawford, son of George.

Daughter, married James McChesney; had son George

Martha, born May 10, 1761, married, Mar. 13, 1788, Col. Andrew Anderson as his second wife; his first wife was her cousin, a daughter of George, she died 1786.

Mary, married, Dec. 30, 1786, James Crawford, oldest son of George.

The sons were —

George Crawford, born Oct. 1, 1754, married, June 23, 1788, Nancy Winter (dau. of Wm. And Anne (Boone) Winer); issue:

Nancy Crawford married John Miller

Hannah Crawford married Harry Miller.

Sarah Crawford married James Bell is 2nd wife.

Jane Crawford married Franklin McCue

Martha Crawford married Peter Hanger.

Polly Crawford, married James Hourland, Sept. 17, 1812

Peggy Crawford married James Walker

The above from Chalkley, Vol. 1, p. 427; “George Crawford died intestate leaving six children etc. “Peggy a minor”. Nancy, who married John Miller not in deed.

John Crawford, (Maj. John), born Mar. 29, 1764, married, July 5, 179[0], Rebecca Allen, daughter of Capt. James; issue –

Elizabeth married Capt. William Ingles.

Sarah, married John Hyde.

Margaret, married Cyrus Hyde, his 1st wife.

James, married Cynthia McClung.

John, married Harriet McClung.

George W, never married.

Ann., married Franklin McCue, his 2nd wife.

Mary married Edward Moorman.

Rebecca married Stewart McClung.

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William Crawford, born Aug. 6, 1767, married Nancy Smith, daughter of Abraham Smith; issue –

Benjamin, James, John, George, William and six daughters.

Benjamin, married Magdalena Cochran; issue –

Elizabeth, James, Nancy, who married Col. James Crawford of Culpeper; Addison and Benjamin.

James, never married.

John, married Mary Allen.

James Crawford, born Aug. 6, 1757, named as the second son of Patrick, married -_____ McClung of Greenbrier; issue –

John H., married Mrs. Trirkle, nee Rice.

William, – married McChesney of Rockbridge Co.

Edward, -married dau. of William Crawford.

James, removed to Texas.

Marshall, – married dau. of Alexander Crawford of Crawford Springs, Augusta Co

It has been well established that the Crawford family, early settlers of Augusta County, Virginia, settled first in Pennsylvania. From Virginia they removed to Kentucky, Ohio and Missouri.

Waddell, in his 'Annals of Augusta County' and Peyton, in his 'History of Augusta County' give short records of this family and by referring to the court records of Augusta County, three volumes by Chalkley, a fairly complete record is compiled.

The first mention of this family in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, is when Ann Crawford, a widow, mother of Patrick, James, George and Alexander, is granted 64 acres of land, Mar.31, 1736. The son James was granted 200 acres on the same date. This is the James, merchant, who later settled on Middle River, Augusta County, Virginia. A suit in Augusta County shows that Alexander Crawford was a resident of Lancaster Co.,Pa., and another suit shows that the family lived near the mouth of Octararo Creek in Lancaster County

In Chalkley, Vol.1, p 82, we find that Alexander Crawford was in Virginia in 1746 and Aug.19,1758 was added to the tithables of Augusta County. There may have been two other brothers, as a Thomas Crawford was added to the list of tithables, Aug.28,1750, (Chalkley, Vol.1, p 41) and a William was there in 1755, and guardian for the children of Alexander in 1768 (Same p 147).

On Aug.12,1747, George Crawford was appointed 'Overseer of the Road' (Same p 30); Aug.24,1754 (p 65) Patrick is the defendant in a suit; and that James Crawford died in 1751 (p370) 'possessed of considerable estate'. There was also a sister, Mary, who married John Poage or Pogue. Her brother Patrick gives consent.

Alexander Crawford was a large land owner and at the time of his death possessed 1640 acres. His wife was Mary McPheeters and they were both killed by Indians, the exact date not known, but in 1764 William McPheeters was the Administrator. They had issue -

John Crawford, born 1741, died Jan.1832, age 91 years. He served thru the Revolution, from Point Pleasant to Yorktown, (Waddell, p 462) and is buried in Hebron Church yard. He married (1) Peggy Crawford, daughter of Patrick; she died Feb.1788, as her estate was administered by John Feb.19,1788. They had one daughter, Margaret, who married Daniel Fall, Aug.30,1797 and removed to Ohio. John married (2) Mary Craig and had issue five children, among them a son Samuel and a daughter Mary, who married Samuel Gillespie. John married (3) Feb.24,1797, Sarah Newman of Fredericksburg and had issue, James, William and John, all to Missouri; and daughters Nancy, wife of Leroy Newman and Fanny, who married Henry Pippetoe. The migration to Missouri was in 1838.

Alexander Crawford Jr. served in the Revolution and died June 19, 1830. He married (1) --- Hopkins and had issue - Polly, Betsy, Kitty and Sally. (2) the widow McClure and had issue - James, William, George, Samuel, Robert, William./ George and Samuel died young.

Edward Crawford, graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1775, a Presbyterian Minister.

[illegible]es Crawford, also a Presbyterian Minister; removed to Kentucky.

Rebecca Crawford, married John Sawyer and removed to Kentucky. She was born in 1753 and in Chalkley, Vol.1, p 148, find " Mar.19,1768, Rebecca Crawford, daughter of Alexander, chose William Crawford her guardian."

Mary Crawford, no record except that William Crawford is guardian.

Martha Crawford, married Alexander Craig. All her children went west.

Robert Crawford, married Sarah Crawford, a cousin, daughter of George Crawford. His will recorded Oct.29,1810, names wife Sarah and children, George, Elizabeth, Hugh, Jane, James, Robert, William and John. Chalkley, Vol.1 p 155, "Mar.21,1769, William McPheeters Jr., guardian for Alexander and Robert, orphans of Alexander Crawford dec'd."

Samuel Crawford, probably the youngest child of Alexander and Mary (McPheeters) Crawford, was born in 1759, as Mar.17, 1773, Samuel Crawford, age 14 years, orphan of Alexander Crawford, chose Samuel McPheeters guardian. (Same p 170). This is perhaps the Samuel, who married, Oct.9,1790, Elizabeth Craig and left a will recorded 1795, naming his son William and a brother James.

James Crawford settled on Middle River, Augusta County, where he died in 1751; his wife was Elizabeth Robertson, sister of William Robertson; issue -
Jane Crawford, who married, 1769, James Brown.
James Crawford Jr., who qualified as a Justice, Apr.28,1785.
Chalkley, Vol.1,p 370, "May 1774, James Brown and Jane his wife, married July 1769, late Jane Crawford, daughter of James Crawford, who died 1751, possessed of considerable estate, leaving a widow, Elizabeth and two children, Jane (above) and James. Elizabeth Crawford, nee Robertson, a sister of William Robertson. James Sr. had a brother Patrick Crawford.

George Crawford was in Virginia as early as 1747, when he was appointed Overseer of the Road. He died between 1780-84; the name of his wife is not known and the list of his children is not complete; those known -
James Crawford, the oldest son died in 1798; he married, Dec.30, 1786, Mary Crawford, a cousin, (daughter of Patrick) and had issue -
Sarah, married Charles McClung.
James Crawford, never married.
William " " "
John, married, Jan.1819, Margaret Bell (dau. of Wm.).
George, died inf.
Elizabeth, married Samuel McClung.
Mary, born after father's death; married John Allen.

Chalkley, Vol. 2, p 259, Crawford vs Crawford, 1821; "William Bell and Margaret Crawford, executors of James Crawford, who died in Augusta County, will dated 1798, leaving six children, four sons and two daughters. A daughter born after his death; son George died as infant; William never married; Sarah married Charles Clung; Elizabeth, married Samuel McClung; Polly, posthumous daughter, married John Allen; Sarah and Polly are dead (1821); Mary, the widow lives with her daughter Elizabeth in Greenbrier County."

John Crawford, no record.
George Crawford Jr., served in the Revolution and July 18,1786 (Vol. 1, p 246) is allowed for a gun lost in service and in 1799 (p 292) is exempt from levy because of age and infirmity. (Could this be George Sr. ?)
Daughter, married Col. Andrew Anderson, as his first wife; she died Aug.12,1786 and he married (2) Mar.13,1788, her cousin, Martha Crawford, daughter of Patrick. (Chalkley, Vol. 2 p 203), "Col. Andrew Anderson deposes, Oct.29,1818, that he married in Staunton, the oldest daughter of George Crawford of Augusta, who died Aug.12,1786."
William Crawford, will recorded in Rockbridge County, June 3,1783; names wife Mary; sons, George, William, John; daughters Eleanor, Isabel, Mary, Elizabeth.
Sarah Crawford, married her cousin, Robert Crawford, son of Alexander; issue - George, Elizabeth, Hugh, James, Jane, Robert, William, John.

Patrick Crawford was born in Ireland and came first to Pennsylvania and removed from there to Augusta County, Virginia about 1750 (Waddell). His wife was Sarah Wilson; issue, four sons and five daughters. The daughters were -

Martha, baptized 1748, probably died young.
Elizabeth, born Oct.18,1751, married Alexander Robertson.
Peggy, married John Crawford, son of George.
Daughter, married James McChesney; had son George.
Martha, born May 10,1761, married, Mar.13,1788, Col. Andrew Anderson as his second wife; his first wife was her cousin, a daughter of George; she died 1786.
Mary, married, Dec.30,1786, James Crawford, oldest son of George.

The sons were -

George Crawford, born Oct.1,1754, married, June23,1788, Nancy Winter (dau. of Wm. & Ann (Boone) Winter); issue -

Nancy Crawford,	married	John Miller.
Hannah	"	Harry Miller.
Sarah	"	James Bell, his 2sd wife.
Jane	"	Franklin McCue.
Martha	"	Peter Hanger.
Polly	"	James Bourland, Sept.17,1812.
Peggy	"	James Walker.

The above from Chalkley, Vol.1, p 427; "George Crawford died intestate leaving six children" etc. "Peggy a minor". Nancy, who married John Miller not in deed.

John Crawford, (Maj. John), born Mar.29,1764, married, July 5,1791, Rebecca Allen, daughter of Capt. James; issue -

Elizabeth,	married	Capt. William Ingles.
Sarah,	"	John Hyde.
Margaret,	"	Cyrus Hyde; his 1st wife.
James	"	Cynthia McClung.
John,	"	Harriet McClung.
George W.,		never married.
Ann,	"	Franklin McCue; his 2sd wife.
Mary	"	Edward Moorman.
Rebecca	"	Stewart McClung.

Peggy " " James Walker.
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Margaret, " Cyrus Hyde; his 1st wife.
James " Cynthia McClung.
John, " Harriet McClung.
George W., never married.
Ann, " Franklin McCue; his 2sd wife.
Mary " Edward Moorman.
Rebecca " Stewart McClung.

William Crawford, born Aug.6,1767, married Nancy Smith, daughter of Abraham Smith; issue -
Benjamin, James, John, George, William and six daughters.
Benjamin, married Magdalena Cochran; issue -
Elizabeth, James, Nancy, who married Col. James Crawford of Culpeper; Addison and Benjamin.
James, never married.
John, married Mary Allen.

James Crawford, born Aug.6,1757, named as the second son of Patrick, married --- McClung of Greenbrier; issue -
John H., married Mrs. Tirkle, nee Rice.
William, " --- McChesney of Rockbridge Co.
Edward, " dau. of William Crawford.
James, removed to Texas.
Marshall, " dau. of Alexander Crawford of Crawford Springs, Augusta Co.

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 10, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II

Vincent Rethman

I've recently been using the 1941 issues of the Courier Tribune to chronicle military activity involving Nemaha county citizens. It was my intention to use the 17 Mar 1941 issue to obtain information for this post. Page 1 of that issue contains the article, To the Air Corps, about Vincent Rethman. Included with the article is a photograph.

Unfortunately, like many other photographs published in newspapers of that time, the photo was very dark. In hopes of finding a better photo to use, I did a Google search for Vincent Rethman and discovered from his obituary that he was a Colonel when he retired from the military. Curious about his career, I expanded my search to include articles found on Newspapers.com.

Since I had collected a wide variety of information about Vincent Rethman from various sources, I asked Chat GPT to take that information and write a biography. Below is ChatGPT's biography:

> **Biography of Vincent Rethman**
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> **Early Life and Education:** Vincent Carl Rethman was born on February 19, 1916, in Baileyville, Kansas, to Elizabeth (Haug) and Bernard C. Rethman. He was the fourth child in his family, with sisters Agnes, Bette, Marie, and Hildelita. Vincent completed his education at the University of Kansas, earning a degree in chemical engineering in 1939. During his university years, he also completed the ROTC program, which set the foundation for his military career.
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> **Military Career:** Vincent received his commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after completing his ROTC program. He initially served in the Chemical Warfare Reserve and attended summer camps at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, Fort Crook, Nebraska, and Fort Leavenworth. Although he had not been called to active duty, he passed a severe physical examination and was offered a chance to join the air corps as a flying cadet. His training began at Lakeland, Florida, in March 1941, before moving to Texas for further training.
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> **World War II Service:** During World War II, Vincent was commissioned at Maxwell Field, Alabama, after graduating from advanced flying schools. He became a P-38 Lightning pilot and flew 69 missions early in the war. His bravery was evident in missions such as an air battle north of Cape Bon, where he and another pilot downed a Messerchmitt. He was recognized for his contributions with the Distinguished Flying Cross for his participation in a trans-Atlantic flight and 40 sorties against the enemy.
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> **Post-War Contributions:** After the war, Vincent earned a graduate degree in aeronautics from MIT. He served in various capacities, including as a test pilot for the Bell XP-59A, America's first jet fighter. He also played a crucial role in the flight test of the MiG-21 under the project "Have Doughnut."
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> **Recognition and Awards:** Throughout his career, Vincent received numerous accolades, including the Legion of Merit for his work as commander of FTD's Detachment 3 in Wiesbaden, Germany. He was promoted to major in 1945 and continued to serve in technical intelligence roles, contributing significantly to military research and development.
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> **Personal Life:** Vincent married Rosemary McCrone in May 1949, and they had three sons: Drs. Michael, Kevin, and John Rethman. The family lived in various locations, including Guam, Washington D.C., Germany, and several states across the U.S. Vincent retired as a colonel in 1969 and later worked for McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis. He and Rosemary moved to Prescott, Arizona, in 2012.
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> **Legacy:** Vincent Rethman passed away on June 18, 2015, in Prescott, Arizona. He was remembered as a remarkable man, a devoted Catholic, and a true American hero. His and Rosemary's remains were interred together at Arlington National Cemetery, a testament to their enduring legacy and service to their country.
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> **Sources:**
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> - Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 17 Mar 1941, page 1
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- The Plain Dealer (Cleveland, OH) 11 May 1949, page 22
- Dayton Daily News (Dayton, OH) 17 Nov 1968, page 46
- The Plain Dealer (Cleveland, OH) 6 Oct 1998, page 18
- Vincent Rethman Obituary

Whe I tried the same task in Perplexity with the same prompt, I got a similar biography. However, the sources were lumped together as one since Perplexity took my copied text and 'pasted' it as a file named paste.txt. Even though Perplixity shows 'footnotes' they are all to this long file of text from various sources.

> Vincent Carl Rethman was born on February 19, 1916, in Baileyville, Kansas, to Elizabeth (Haug) and Bernard C. Rethman. He grew up on a farm near Seneca, Kansas, and was the fourth of five children, with four sisters: Agnes, Bette, Marie, and Hildelita.
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> Rethman graduated from the University of Kansas in 1939 with a degree in chemical engineering and completed the ROTC program. Anticipating the coming war, he enlisted in flight training after college.
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> In March 1941, Rethman began his active military career by attending flying school. He received his commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Chemical Warfare Reserve and was granted a leave of absence from his job at the National Starch Co. in New York City to join the Air Corps as a flying cadet.
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> During World War II, Rethman flew P-38 Lightnings with the 71st Fighter Squadron, First Fighter Wing of the 12th Air Force. He participated in a historic trans-Atlantic flight of P-38s in July 1942, flying from the United States to England via Labrador, Greenland, Iceland, and Scotland. Rethman flew 69 combat missions during the war, including dangerous missions over North Africa. In one notable incident, he had an engine shot out over Tunisia but managed to fly his P-38 back to base on the remaining engine.
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> Rethman's wartime achievements earned him several decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. By mid-war, he was selected as one of an elite group of test pilots to fly America's first jet fighter, the Bell XP-59A.
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> After the war, Rethman pursued further education, earning a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in just one year. His postwar career in the Air Force focused on research and development at the Pentagon for ten years, followed by 15 years in technical intelligence.
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> In 1949, Rethman married Rosemary "Rhody" Agnes McCrone in Cleveland, Ohio. They had three sons: Michael, Kevin, and John, all of whom became doctors.
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> Rethman's later military career included significant intelligence work. He commanded an intelligence unit in West Germany during the mid-1960s and led two classified intelligence missions to the Middle East following the 1967 Six-Day War. He was also involved in the flight testing of the Soviet MiG-21 fighter aircraft in a classified project codenamed "Have Doughnut".
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> Rethman retired from the Air Force as a Colonel in 1969 after 30 years of service. He then worked for McDonnell Douglas (now Boeing) in St. Louis. In 1987, he and his wife moved to Cleveland and later to Venice, Florida.
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> Throughout his life, Rethman remained a devout Catholic and was known for his modesty and generosity. In his later years, he advocated for maintaining the name of NASA's Lewis Research Center, emphasizing the importance of honoring researchers in scientific institutions.
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> Vincent Carl Rethman passed away on June 18, 2015, in Prescott, Arizona, at the age of 99. He was survived by his three sons, their spouses, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Rethman's remains, along with those of his wife Rosemary (who predeceased him in 2013), were interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

While I prefer the ChatGPT's biography, Perplixity's strength in this situation is the follow-up questions and reponses.

What were Vincent Rethman's major achievements in the Air Force

Vincent Rethman had a distinguished career in the United States Air Force with several notable achievements:

1. **Trans-Atlantic Flight and Combat Missions**: Rethman participated in a historic trans-Atlantic flight of P-38 Lightnings in July 1942, flying from the United States to England. He flew 69 combat missions during World War II, including missions over North Africa where he notably managed to return to base on a single engine after being hit.
2. **Aerial Victories**: He was credited with downing enemy aircraft, including a Messerschmitt during an air battle north of Cape Bon in North Africa.
3. **Distinguished Flying Cross**: Rethman was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his participation in the trans-Atlantic flight and for completing 40 sorties against the enemy.
4. **Test Pilot for America's First Jet Fighter**: By mid-war, he was selected as one of an elite group of test pilots to fly the Bell XP-59A, America's first jet fighter.
5. **Legion of Merit**: Rethman received the Legion of Merit for his work as commander of the Foreign Technology Division's Detachment 3 in Wiesbaden, Germany, from 1963 to 1967.
6. **Cold War Intelligence Work**: He commanded an intelligence unit in West Germany during the mid-1960s and led two classified intelligence missions to the Middle East following the 1967 Six-Day War. He was also involved in the flight testing of the Soviet MiG-21 fighter aircraft in a project codenamed "Have Doughnut".

Rethman's career spanned significant advancements in aviation and military technology, and his contributions were recognized with multiple awards and commendations.

What was Vincent Rethman's most notable mission in the Air Force

Vincent Rethman's most notable mission in the Air Force involved his participation in a dangerous operation during World War II over North Africa. This mission took place when German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was evacuating along the coast of North Africa to Tunisia. Rethman and his squadron flew from Algeria to Libya to intercept and strafe the evacuating troops. During this mission, Rethman's P-38 Lightning had its left engine shot out, but he managed to fly the aircraft back to base on the remaining engine, covering approximately 200 miles. This mission exemplified his bravery and skill as a pilot under extremely hazardous conditions.

What was Vincent Rethman's involvement in the development of the P-38 Lightning

Vincent Rethman was significantly involved in the operational deployment and combat use of the P-38 Lightning during World War II. His notable contributions include:

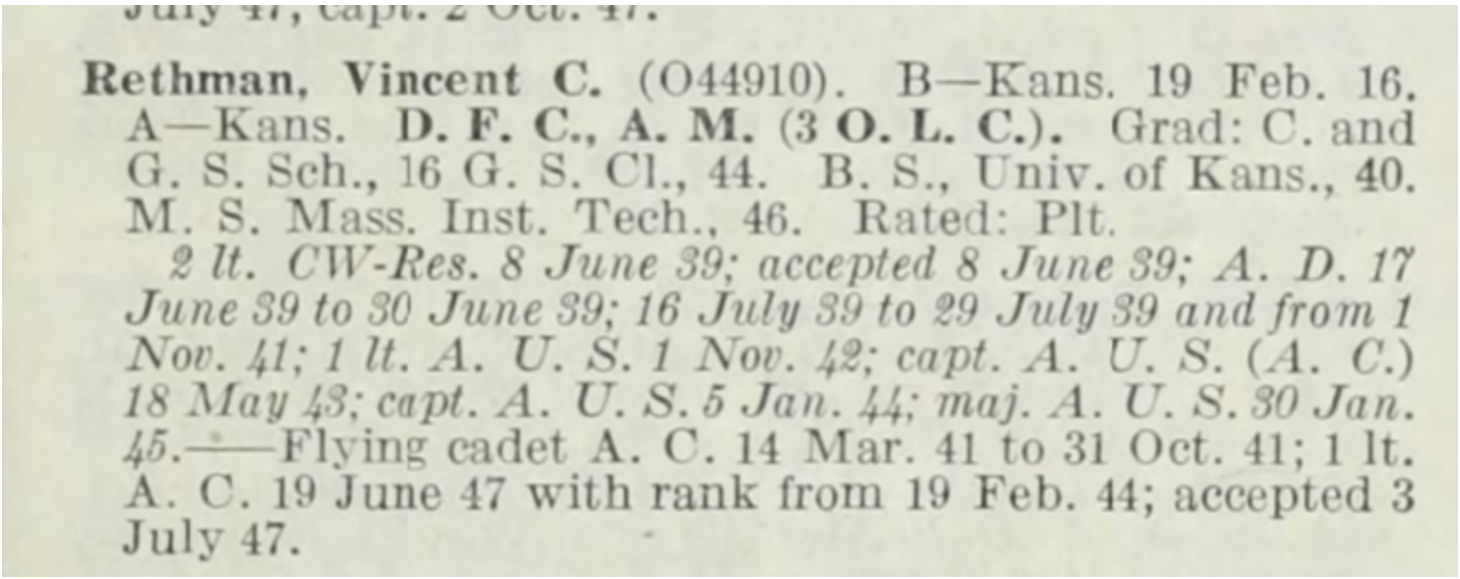
1. **Combat Missions**: Rethman flew 69 combat missions in the P-38 Lightning, primarily with the 71st Fighter Squadron, First Fighter Wing of the 12th Air Force. These missions included dangerous

operations over North Africa, where he played a crucial role in intercepting and attacking German forces evacuating along the coast of North Africa to Tunisia.

2. **Aerial Victories**: He was credited with downing enemy aircraft, including a Messerschmitt during an air battle north of Cape Bon in North Africa. This achievement highlighted his combat prowess and effectiveness as a P-38 pilot.
3. **Trans-Atlantic Flight**: Rethman participated in a historic trans-Atlantic flight of P-38 Lightnings in July 1942, flying from the United States to England. This flight was significant as it was one of the first mass movements of fighter aircraft across the North Atlantic, demonstrating the P-38's long-range capabilities.
4. **Distinguished Flying Cross**: His participation in the trans-Atlantic flight and his completion of 40 sorties against the enemy earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross, underscoring his contributions to the effective use of the P-38 in combat operations.

Rethman's involvement with the P-38 Lightning was marked by his bravery, skill, and significant contributions to the Allied air efforts during World War II.

A quick search of Fold3 helps fill in the holes in Vincent Rethman's military career. He is shown on the 'Active List' serving in Korea in 1948. ("1948 Korea," U.S. Army Registers 1798-1969, page 1515, available on Fold3.)



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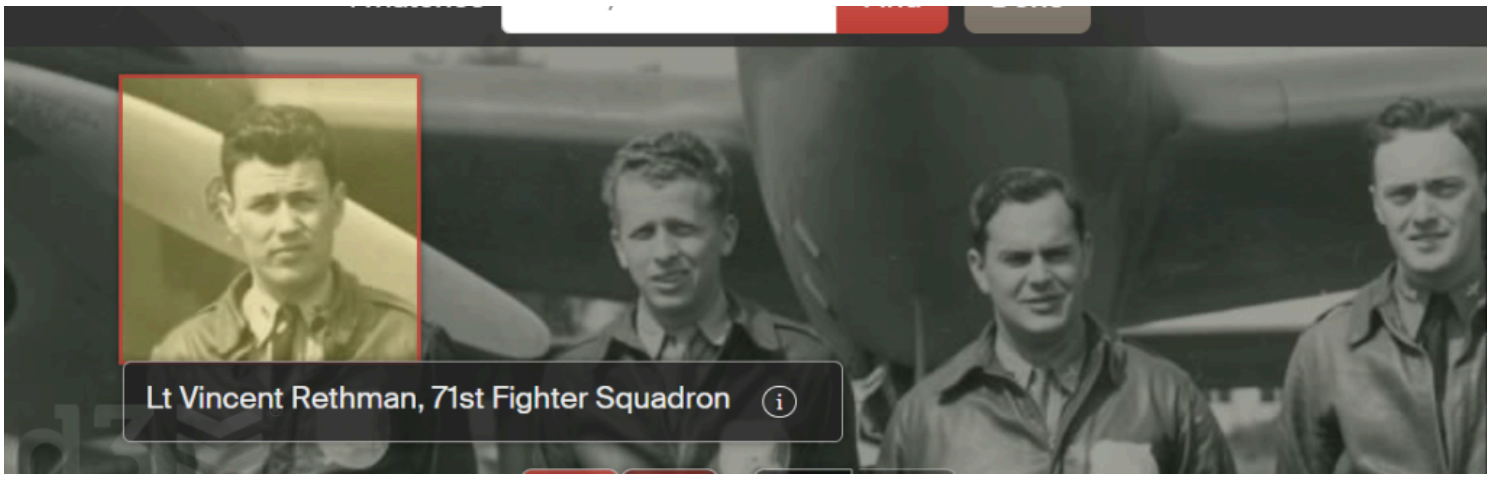
2 lt. CW-Res. 8 June 39; accepted 8 June 39; A. D. 17 June 39 to 30 June 39; 16 July 39 to 29 July 39 and from 1 Nov. 41; 1 lt. A. U. S. 1 Nov. 42; capt. A. U. S. (A. C.) 18 May 43; capt. A. U. S. 5 Jan. 44; maj. A. U. S. 30 Jan. 45.——Flying cadet A. C. 14 Mar. 41 to 31 Oct. 41; 1 lt. A. C. 19 June 47 with rank from 19 Feb. 44; accepted 3 July 47.

And Fold3 has an excellent photo of Lt. Vincent Rethman as a member of the 71st Fighter Squadron.



Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 11, 2024
SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) When was the last time you visited the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City, or visited a local FamilySearch Center?

2) What record collections ar on your To-Do List, whether at the FamilySearch Library, or a FamilySearch Center, or the Full-Text Search feature online, or Digital Microfilm on the Images or Catalog Link on the FamilySearch.org website?

Have I been to the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City?
Yes, I've visited three times.

Have I used a local FamilySearch center?
Yes, I've accessed the centers in Topeka and Emporia, Kansas.

Do I remember the last time I visited the Salt Lake City library?
No, but it was likely before 1992.

Do I remember the last time I visited a local FamilySearch center?
No, I don't recall.

Do I have a FamilySearch 'To Do' list?
Absolutely!

However, most items on my 'To Do' list can be handled either from home or at an Affiliate Library. With the Seneca Free Library—an affiliate library—just half a mile from my house, a special trip isn't necessary. As a result, I don't accumulate a long list of research tasks.

I'm also fortunate to live within a few hours' drive of the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri. On my last visit, I discovered they have an extensive collection of microfiche and microfilm from the Family History Library that hasn't yet been digitized. This resource allows me to access materials that many travel to Salt Lake City to view.

I'm planning another trip to the Midwest Genealogy Center this fall.

Thanks Randy Seaver for this challenge!

AI Spreadsheet Help

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 12, 2024
Artificial Intelligence

Have you used AI to edit a spreadsheet?

I recently embarked on a project using Ancestry's search feature to compile a list of Find A Grave records for individuals buried in Nemaha County, Kansas, who were born in Germany. The resulting spreadsheet presented a common challenge: all names were in a single field, combining first, middle, and last names.

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d	Jacob Fulk	
d	Sr Eustochia Haug	7
d	Marie Helen Stueve	22
d	Agnes Dalinghaus	1(
d	Anna Brokamp	2
d	August Haverkamp	14
d	August Hellebuch	9

Theoretically, I could have used Excel's 'Text to Columns' tool to separate these names. However, this approach has its limitations. For instance, names like Jacob Fulk would be split into two columns, while names like Marie Helen Stueve would be divided into three. This discrepancy would require additional effort to ensure all surnames ended up in the same column.

So, I asked ChatGPT to help.

For the attached file, the name appears in first middle last name order with some names missing a middle name. Please split the name field so that the last name is in a column by itself.

Nemaha County Burials With Split Names

	View Record	First Name	Middle Name	Last Nar
1	View Record	Jacob		Fulk

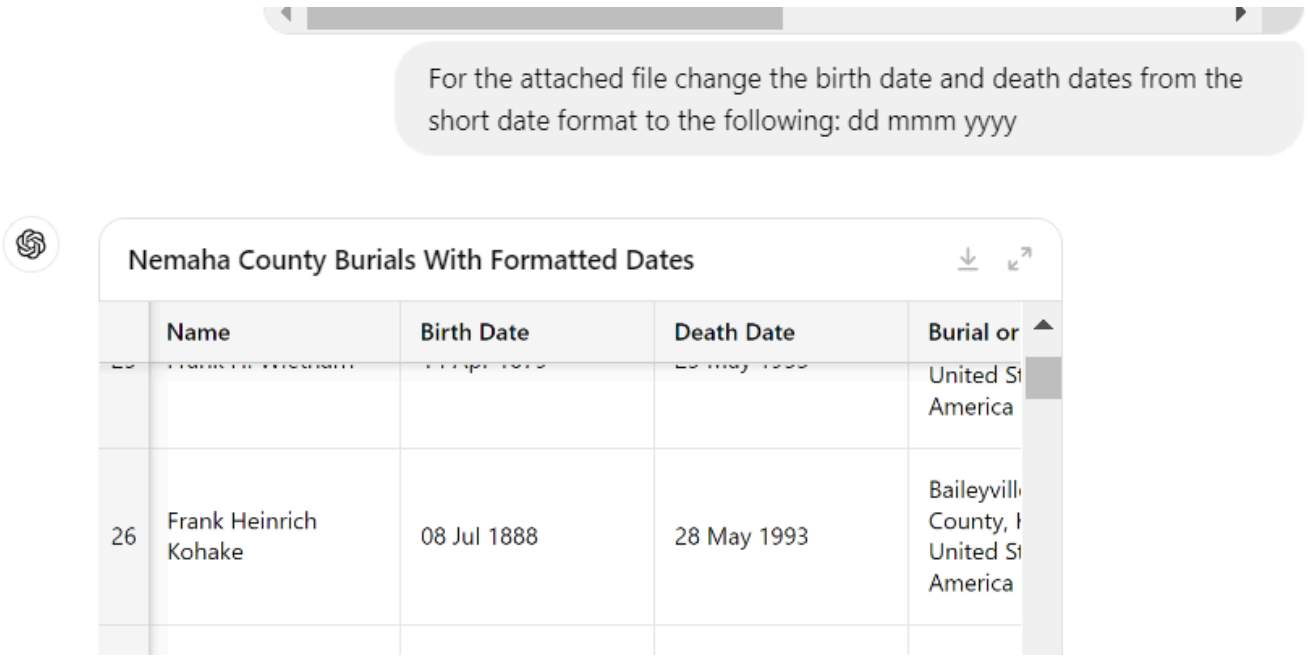
ChatGPT efficiently split the names into three distinct columns: First Name, Middle Name, and Last Name. Impressively, it even handled entries with two middle names correctly.

188	Mary	Elizabeth	Voet	Mary Elizabeth Voet
189	Sophia	Marie Frederika	Behrens	Sophia Marie Frederika Behrens
190	William		Hardt	William Hardt
191	Bernard		Stegeman	Bernard Stegeman
192	Charles	Girard	Hasenkamp	Charles Girard Hasenkamp
193	Friedrich		Schumacher	Friedrich Schumacher
194	Henry		Baurman	Henry Baurman
195	Hermann	Heinrich Wilhelm	Meyer	Hermann Heinrich Wilhelm Meyer
196	John		Sorg	John Sorg

During the process, I encountered an issue: the date formatting (dd mmm yyyy) for some entries was lost.

	7 Dec 1838	3/23/1916	Sai
	26 Aug 1826	12 Apr 1899	Sai
	12/12/1904	11 Apr 1881	Sai
	10 Jul 1885	1/12/1905	Sai
	10 May 1810	8/18/1901	Sai
	9 Jun 1838	11/7/1918	Sai
	28 Mar 1824	1/28/1904	Sai
	23 Aug 1844	10/28/1910	Sai
	26 Apr 1826	4/4/1908	Sai

Rather than struggling with Excel to restore the correct cell formatting, I sought help from ChatGPT once again.



Thanks ChatGPT for your help with this spreadsheet!

(Note: ChatGPT was used to write the meta description for this post and to edit some of the post.)

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 13, 2024
Purple Heart,World War II

Moses F Tate

Staff Sergeant Moses Frank Tate, born on May 22, 1920, in Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas, led a distinguished but tragically short military career during World War II. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on June 24, 1940, following in the footsteps of his father, a World War I veteran. Initially stationed at Fort Riley and later undergoing extensive training in the Air Corps, Moses quickly rose through the ranks to become a skilled aerial gunner.

By 1943, S/Sgt. Tate was serving in the 415th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, part of the Ninth Air Force. His unit was pivotal in Operation Tidal Wave, a daring low-altitude bombing mission targeting the heavily defended oil refineries at Ploiești, Romania, on August 1, 1943. This mission aimed to cripple the Axis powers by striking a vital source of their oil supply, a goal critical to the Allied war effort.

The mission was fraught with peril, as the B-24 Liberators flew in at tree-top level to avoid radar detection but exposed themselves to intense anti-aircraft fire. Tate's aircraft, the B-24D named "YEN TU," piloted by 1st Lt. Edward T. McGuire, was hit by flak as it approached the target. Despite the damage, the crew pressed on to complete their bombing run. Tragically, after releasing their payload, the aircraft succumbed to its injuries, crashing near Barcanesti, Romania. Tate, along with six other crew members, was declared missing in action. He was only 23 years old.

The initial chaos and devastation of the crash led to S/Sgt. Tate being listed among the many missing. In the aftermath of the war, his remains were not immediately identified. For decades, his family held out hope, receiving medals and letters of commendation that recognized his bravery and sacrifice. These included the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart.

In 2017, efforts by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to identify unknown remains from the Ploiești raid bore fruit. Through advanced forensic methods, including anthropological and dental analysis, the remains of S/Sgt. Moses Frank Tate were positively identified on July 12, 2022. Nearly 80 years after his death, Tate was finally brought home.

S/Sgt. Tate's name is inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing at the Florence American Cemetery in Italy. Following his identification, a bronze rosette was added beside his name, signifying his return. He was laid to rest with full military honors at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, in Section M, Row 17, Site 709.

S/Sgt. Moses Frank Tate's story is a testament to the bravery and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation. His participation in one of the most challenging and critical missions of World War II, Operation Tidal Wave, underscores the significant risks faced by the Allied airmen. His posthumous return home serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring commitment to honor those who gave their lives in service to their country.

98TH BOMB GROUP (H)
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S/Sgt. Clark S. Fitzpatrick, Jr. Gunner—Aerial
S/Sgt. Robert Rans Gunner-Aerial
S/Sgt. James H. Waltman Gunner-Aerial

Sources:

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   - Find a Grave Memorial 244713511: S/Sgt Moses Frank Tate
   - Find a Grave Memorial 56366953: S/Sgt Moses Frank Tate
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   - 2 September 1943: Marvin Tate's V-Mail letter
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The above was written by ChatGPT from the transcriptions of the various sources.

Crawford Genealogy

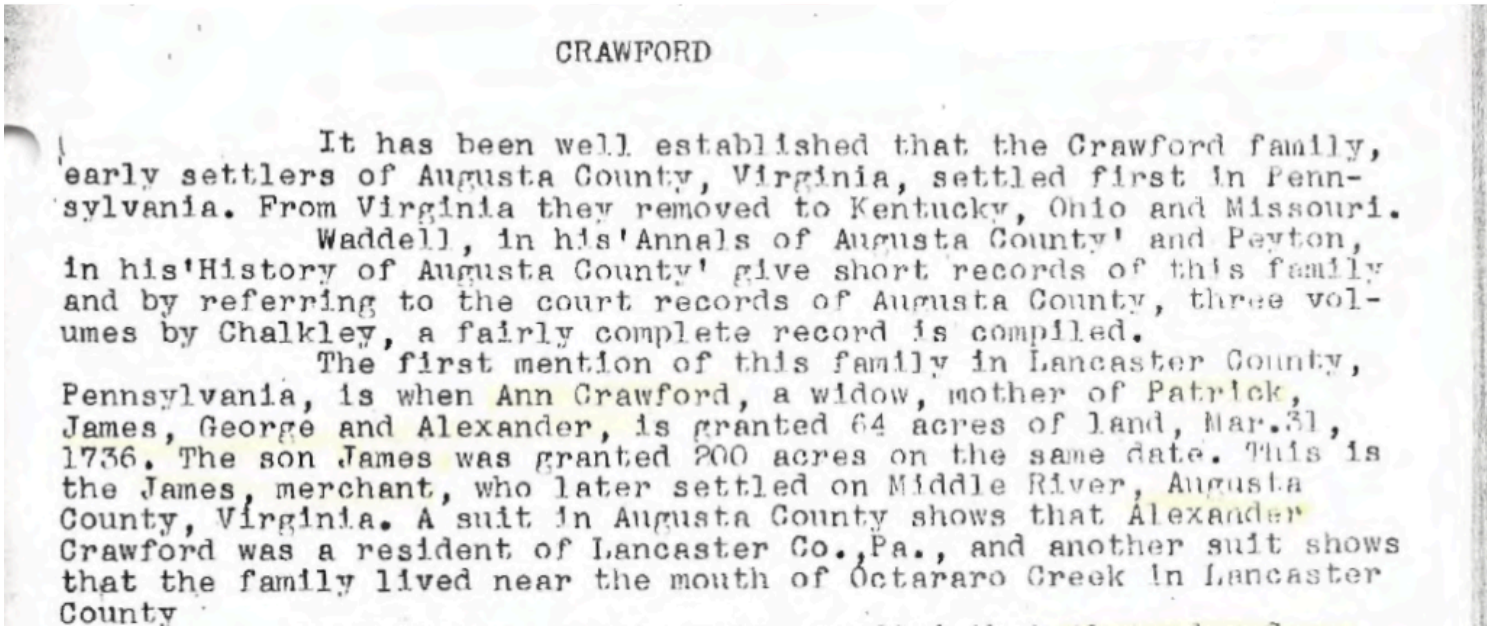
By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 14, 2024
Augusta County,Crawford,Virginia

Miami Valley Genealogies

Are you researching the CRAWFORD family in or near Augusta county, Virginia? If so, you might already be familiar with Alexander Crawford and his wife Mary McPheeters.

When I first started researching my Crawford line, I tried to prove a connection to Alexander and Mary. However, after a thorough investigation, I found that my ancestor, James Crawford (1772-1854) does not fit as a descendant of Alexander.

Recently, while revisiting some of my research, I uncovered photocopies from volume 2 of Miami Valley Genealogies by Lindsay Brien. This book devotes four pages to outlining the family of Ann Crawford and her sons Patrick, James, George and Alexander.



CRAWFORD

It has been well established that the Crawford family, early settlers of Augusta County, Virginia, settled first in Pennsylvania. From Virginia they removed to Kentucky, Ohio and Missouri.

Waddell, in his 'Annals of Augusta County' and Peyton, in his 'History of Augusta County' give short records of this family and by referring to the court records of Augusta County, three volumes by Chalkley, a fairly complete record is compiled.

The first mention of this family in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, is when Ann Crawford, a widow, mother of Patrick, James, George and Alexander, is granted 64 acres of land, Mar.31, 1736. The son James was granted 200 acres on the same date. This is the James, merchant, who later settled on Middle River, Augusta County, Virginia. A suit in Augusta County shows that Alexander Crawford was a resident of Lancaster Co., Pa., and another suit shows that the family lived near the mouth of Octararo Creek in Lancaster County

Although the information is not extensively sourced, it can still be immensely helpful when working with Crawford records from early Augusta county. The details provided might offer valuable insights and clues for researching these early Crawford families.

Overstreet – Crawford Deed

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 15, 2024
Crawford,Montgomery County,Virginia

After a visit to the Seneca Free Library, I uncovered additional Montgomery County, Virginia deeds related to the Crawfords before 1800. Today's featured deed involves the executors of Thomas Overstreet's estate and William Crawford. The Thomas Overstreet of the deed may be Thomas Overstreet SR [GMRK-X8T]. Although the FamilySearch tree lacks sourcing, the WikiTree profile for Thomas Overstreet includes some sources.

Identifying the William Crawford named in the deed remains a challenge. For those with a William Crawford from early Montgomery County, Virginia, the land description might provide a clue. Theproperty "runs into" the Roanoak at the upper end of William Walton's bottom.

Montgomery County Virginia
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This Indenture made this the twenty eighth day of September in the
year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Ninety three Between Thomas Over street
of the County of Bedford in Virginia Executioner to the Estate of Thomas
Overstreet
Deceased of the one part and William Crawford of Montgomery County of the other part
Witnesseth that the said Thomas Overstreet [Exrs & c] in Compliance to a contract
made by the said Thomas Overstreet Deceased and for and
in Consideration of
the sum of twenty pounds Lawful Money of Virginia to him in hand
paid the Receipt whereof the said Thomas Overstreet Exr ye doth hereby acknowledge
and thereof acquit and discharge the said William Crawford his heirs Executors and
administrators , and the said Thomas Overstreet hath given granted Bargained
Sold Enfossed and confirmed and by these presents doth give grant bargain sell enfoss and
Confirm unto the said William Crawford his heirs Executors Admrs and assigns
one Certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Montgomery
on a branch that runs into Roanoak at the upper end of William Waltons Bottom
and Bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a Red Oak and white oak on
the Bank of the branch and Running thence South Seventy three Degrees West
one hundred and Sixty poles to a black oak
and White Oak thence South
thirty one Degrees West one hundred and fifty two poles
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eight poles
to a Chesnut Oak thence south twenty eight degrees East forty pole to
three pines
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thence North Eighty three degrees East one hundred poles to a Black Oak
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William Crawford and his heirs &c with all the profits Commodities Hereditaments and appurte
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wise appertaining to have and hold the said tract of land with its appurtenances to the
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and forever defend by these presents In Witness whereof the said Thomas Overstreet in Com pliance as above mentioned hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above Written
Thomas Overstreet

Signed sealed and Delivered
In the presence of us
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Thomas Overstreet

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Montgomery County December Court 1798
This Deed of Bargain and Sale from Thomas Overstreet Executor of Thomas Overstreet Deceased was proved by the Oaths of William Henderson John Miller and Gasper Albright three of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded
Teste Charles Taylor CMC

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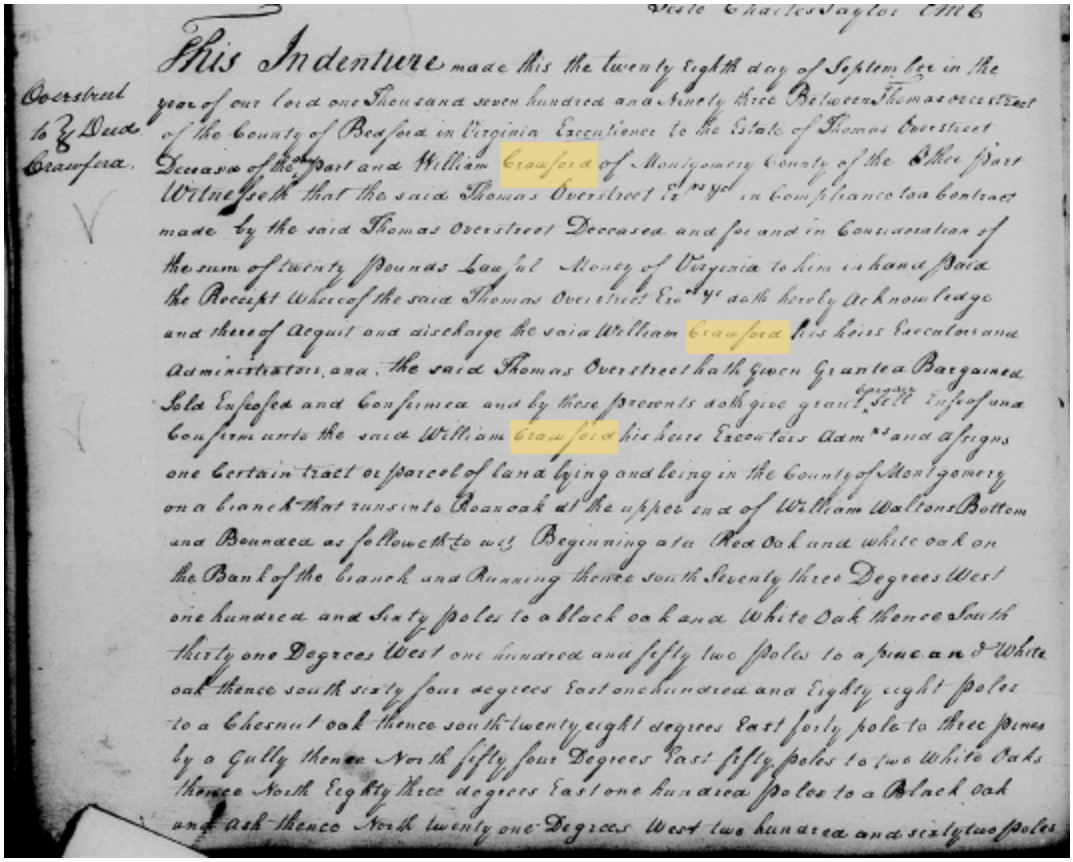
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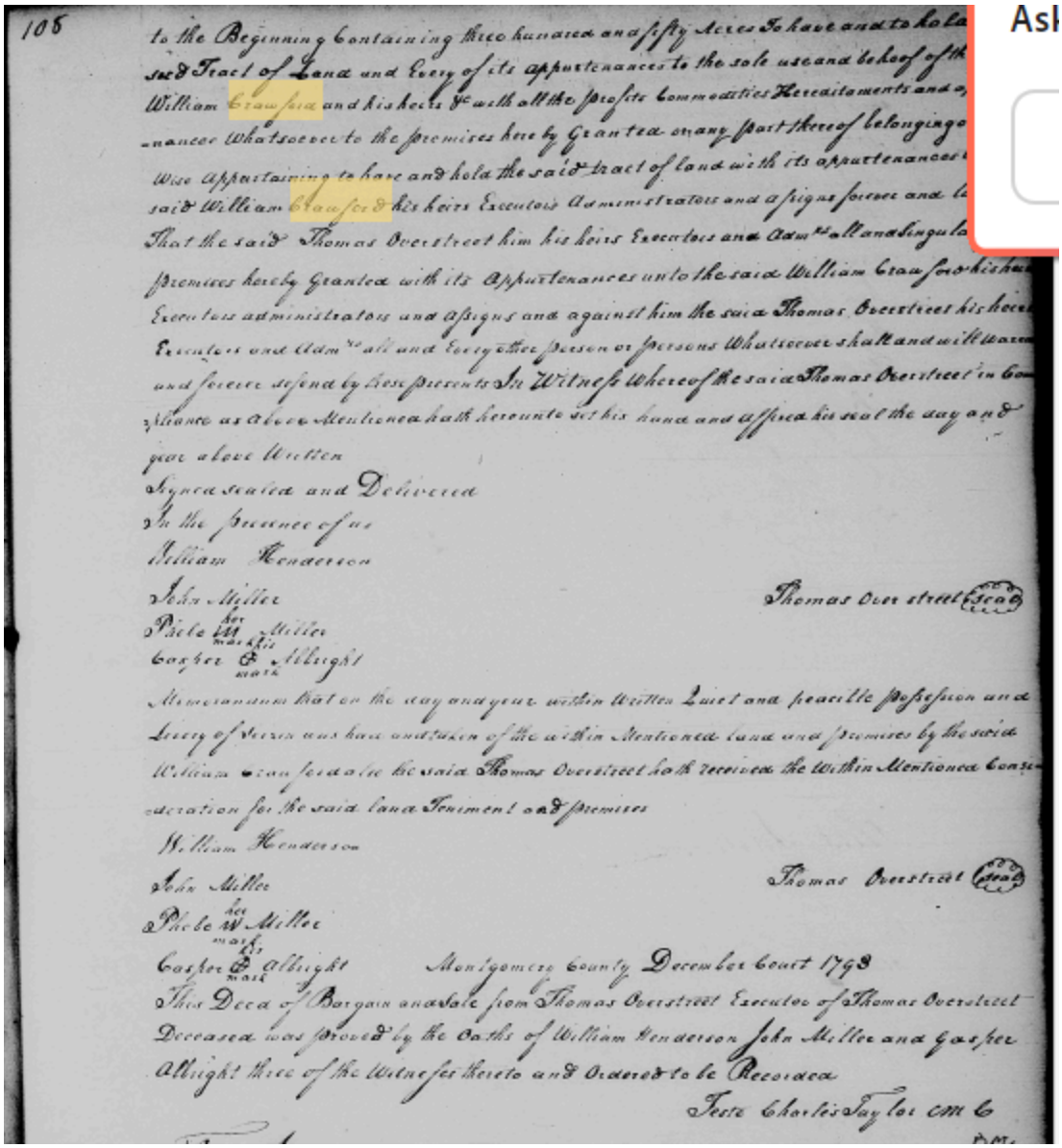

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Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 16, 2024
Minnick

Elizabeth Minnick

Do you have images of entire newspapers in your files? If so, can you easily locate the article of interest? While reviewing my MINNICK resources, I found images from the 20 August 1869 issue of the Village Record.

VILLAGE RECORD.

By W. Blair. An Independent Family Newspaper. $2.00 Per Year

VOLUME XXII. WAYNESBORO', FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20, 1869. NUMBER 6

YOU ALL
HOOFLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS,
AND
HOOFLAND'S GERMAN TONIC,
Prepared by Dr. C. M. Jackson, Philadelphia.
Their introduction into this country from Germany occurred in
1825.

POETICAL.

HOW THEY HAD HIM.
When I was young and tender too,
I had to mind and had to do
Whatever mother bade me,
She used to have a walnut stick

A Romantic Love Story.

The Count de St. Croix, belonging to one of the noblest families in France, became engaged, after a long courtship, to a lady his equal in position and fortune, and, famous for her beauty. Shortly after the happy day was appointed which was to render two loving hearts one, the Count was ordered to the siege of Sevastopool; so he girded on his sabre, and at the head of his regiment marched to the battle-field. During the Count's absence it happened that his beautiful affianced had the small pox; after hovering between life and death, she recovered, but found her beauty hopelessly lost. The disease had as-

The Value of Brains.

Working as an ordinary hand in a Philadelphia shipyard, until within a few years, was a man named John L. Knowlton. His peculiarity was that while others of his class were at the ale houses, or indulging in jollification, he was incessantly engaged in studying mechanical combinations. One of his companions secured a poodle dog and spent six months in teaching the quadruped to execute a jig upon his hind legs. Knowlton spent the same period in discovering some method by which he could saw out ship timber in a beveled form.
The first man taught his dog to dance,—

Sowing Wild Oats.

Must there be in the life of every man a sowing of wild oats? Some will doubtless so. And they will point to the dissipated, reckless youth,—the prodigal from truth and goodness and respectability, who is spending his substance in riotous living, and say this reason for sowing is at hand—that he will settle down by and by, and lead a correct life. To such we commend these words, by some unknown writer:
'In all the wide range of accepted maxims there is none, take it for all, more thoroughly abominable than the one as to the sowing of wild oats. Look at it my what side you

Not the Right Scentin' Stuff.

A long, lean, gaunt Yankee entered a drug store and asked—
'Be you the druggest?'
'Well, I s'pose so; I sells drugs.'
'Wal, then you git say ur this here scentin' stuff as the girls put on their handkerchers?'
'O, yes.'
'Wal, our Sal is goin' to be married, and she gin me a 'sinepence and told me to invest this whole amount in scentin' stuff, so's to make her sweet, if I could find some to suit; so if you're a mind, I'll just smell round.'
The Yankee sure did around without being

Since I couldn't determine how this newspaper aided my Minnick research, I decided to search Newspapers.com.

> Waynesboro Record (Wanesboro, PA)
> 20 Aug 1869
> page 2
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> The Tomb
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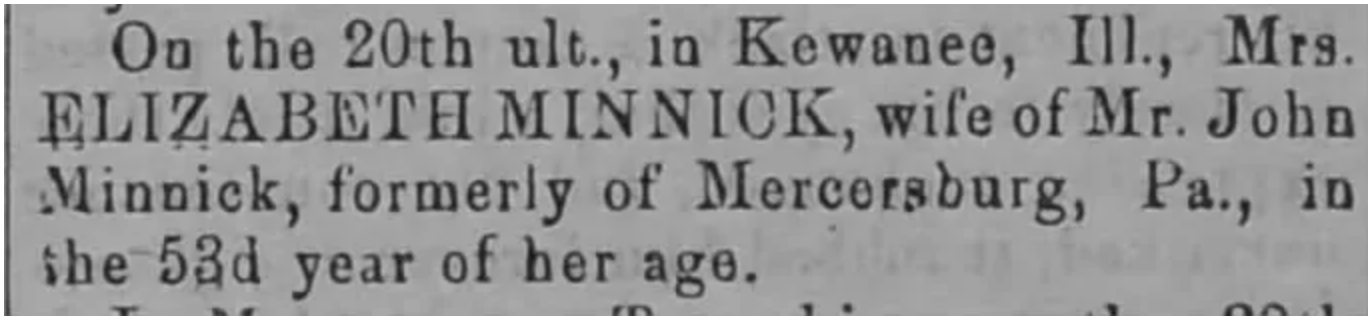

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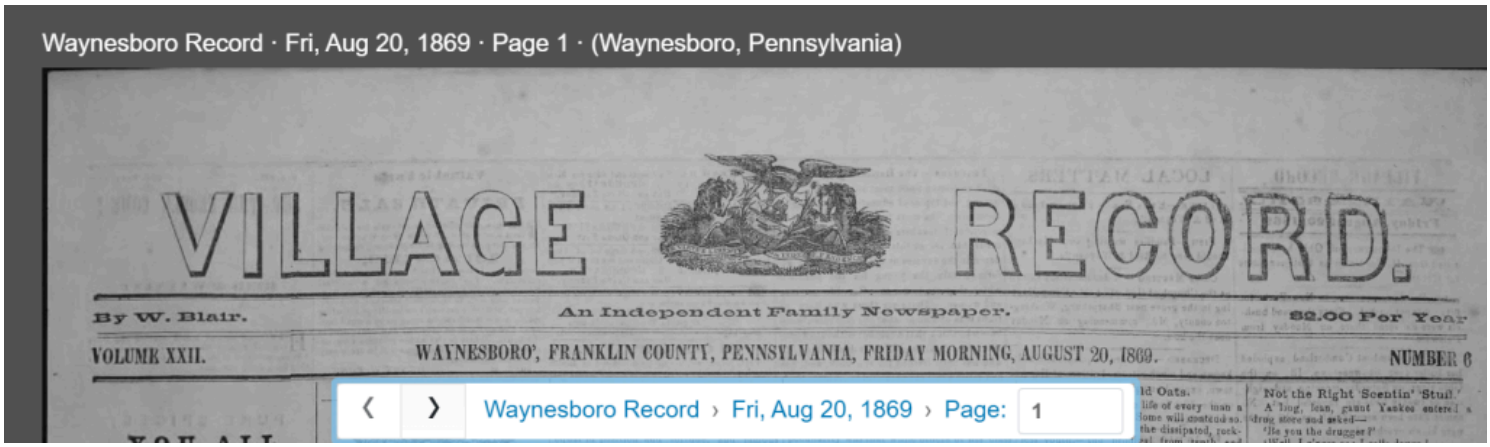
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Thankfully, I found the article on Newspapers.com since the online image is more legible than my PDF file.

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 17, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II

Today's tidbit involves both the CCC camp southeast of Seneca, Kansas and military related news in March of 1941.

PLAN SCHOOL FOR DEFENSE

AT SENECA CAMP

Details Are Being Worked Out for Special Training Course

The Soil Conservation service is promoting plans for a special defense course in machine-shop work, to be given at the Seneca camp.

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The camp is fortunate in having a man who knows the work and has the ability to present instruction as well. He is Harold Snyder, machinist.

The defense school is handled through government funds, to the states, then through state set-ups which require schools as nominal sponsors. Schools are asked to pay instructors, to be repaid the first pay check within 40 days and following checks within 10 days. Contacts have been made towards getting the Seneca school to act as sponsor. After the defense training is over, some of the equipment may go to the school.

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1. Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas), 27 March 1941, page 1 ↩

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 18, 2024
Uncategorized

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) How many known ancestors (at least a name) do you have in your generation of 4th great-grandparents? What about your significant other's generation of 4th great-grandpare**nts?**

2) Tell us how you figured this out, and highlight your most recent additions to your list.

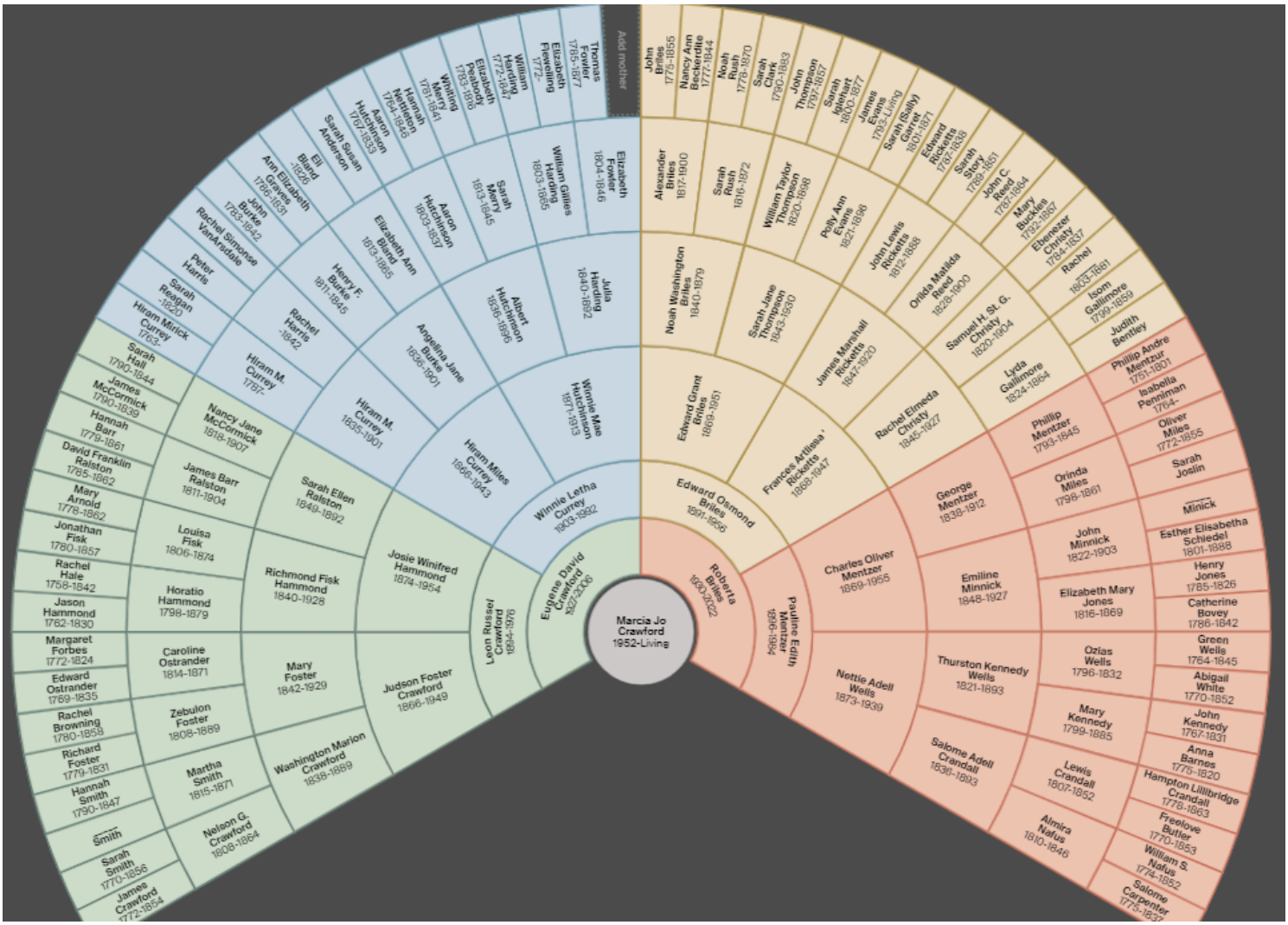
To determine the answer, I took the following steps:

- I opened my Ancestry tree and switched to a 7-generation FAN chart.
- I counted the number of ancestors in each colored area of the chart.
- I recorded these numbers in an Excel table for easy comparison.

I specifically used the 7-generation FAN chart because it conveniently displays all 4th great-grandparents on a single chart.

I avoided using the FamilySearch tree because other users could have added 4th great-grandparents who aren't actually part of my tree, which could lead to inaccuracies.

Although I could have used RootsMagic to generate a similar chart, my husband's tree is in his RootsMagic file, separate from mine. Therefore, using RootsMagic wouldn't have provided the information I needed for his tree.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1927-2006
Leon Russel Crawford
1894-1976
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1903-1992
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Hiram Miles Currey
1866-1943
Josie Winifred Hammond
1874-1954
Judson Foster Crawford
1866-1949
Washington Marion Crawford
1838-1889
Nelson G. Crawford
1808-1864
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1840-1928
Mary Foster
1842-1929
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1815-1871
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1849-1892
Louisa Fisk
1806-1874
Horatio Hammond
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Rachel Hale
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Jason Hammond
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Margaret Forbes
1772-1824
Edward Ostrander
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Rachel Browning
1790-1858
Richard Foster
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Hannah Smith
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Sarah Smith
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James Crawford
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Edward Osmond Briles
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Roberta Briles
1930-2022
Noah Washington Briles
1840-1879
Sarah Jane Thompson
1843-1930
Edward Grant Briles
1869-1951
Frances Artlissa' Ricketts
1868-1947
John Briles
1775-1855
Nancy Ann Beckerdite
1777-1944
Alexander Briles
1817-1900
Sarah Rush
1816-1872
Noah Rush
1778-1870
Sarah Clark
1790-1863
William Taylor Thompson
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Polly Ann Evans
1821-1898
John Thompson
1797-1857
Sarah Iglehart
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James Evans
1792-Living
Sarah (Sally) Garret
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James Marshall Ricketts
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John Lewis Ricketts
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Lewis Crandall
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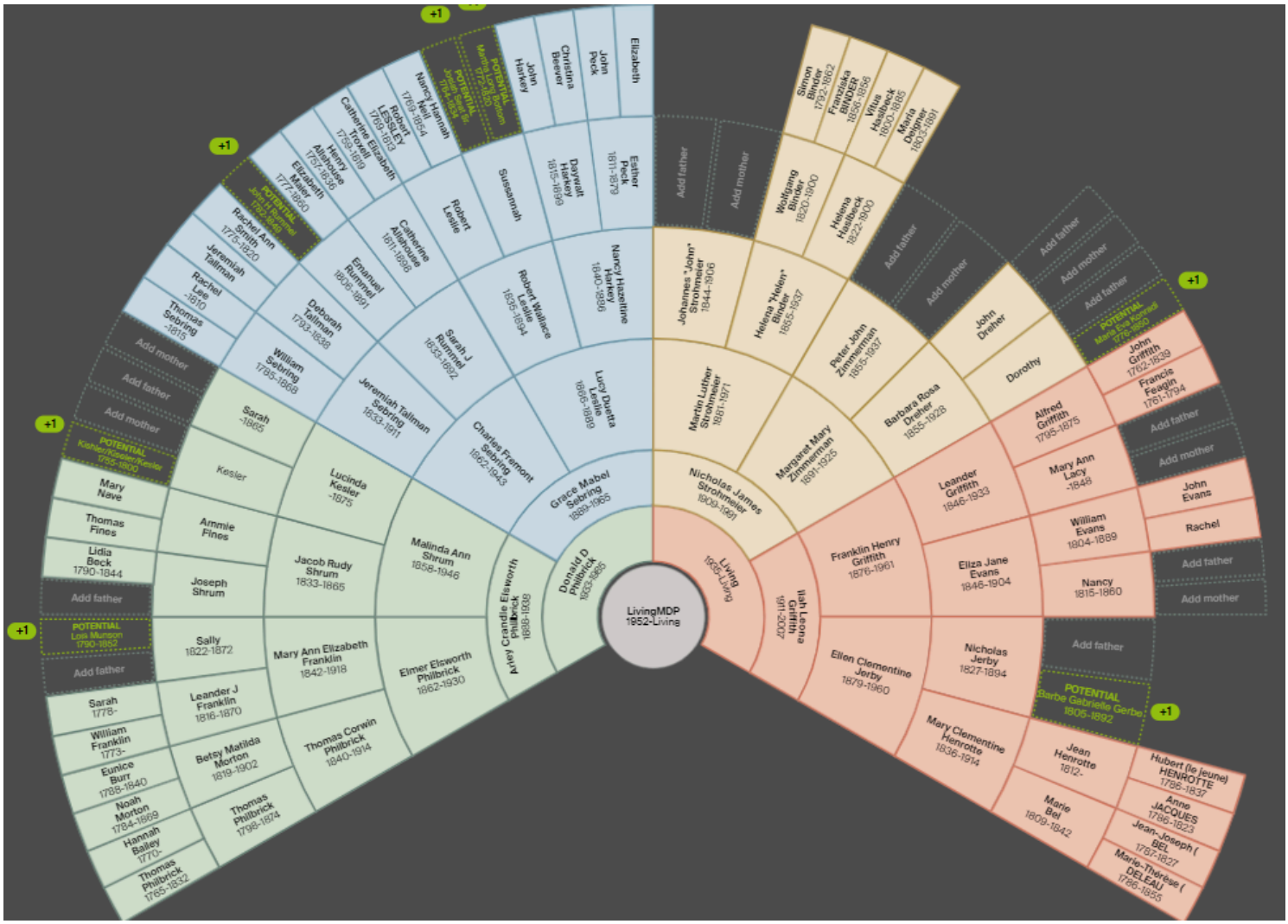
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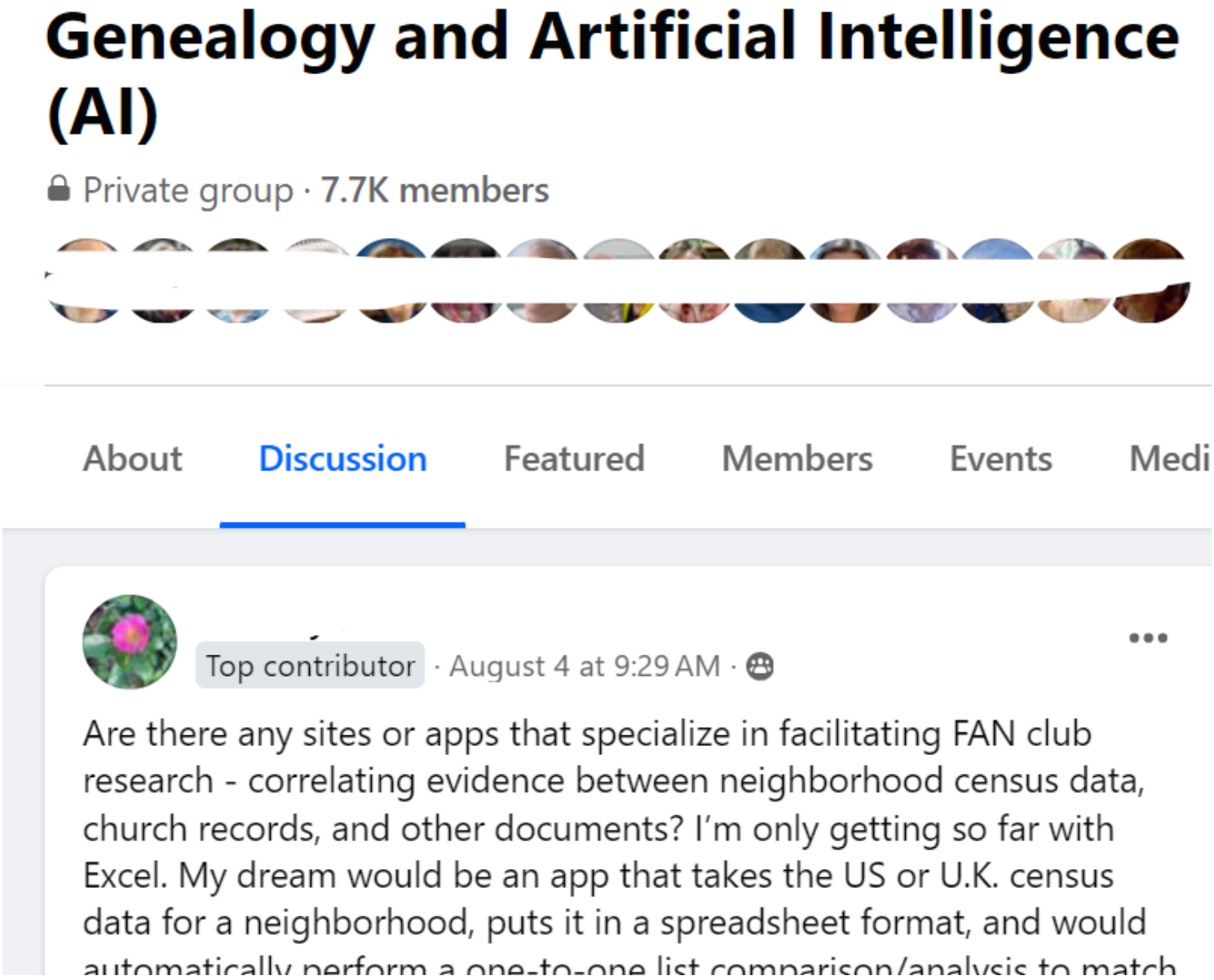
Associates

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 19, 2024
RootsMagic 9

How do you track you genealogy FAN club?

Are there records that connect various members of your FAN (Friends, Associates and Neighbors) club? If so, how are you documenting those connections? A recent question on the Facebook group, Genealogy and Artificial Intelligence (AI) prompted me to reconsider how I document my Crawford FAN Club.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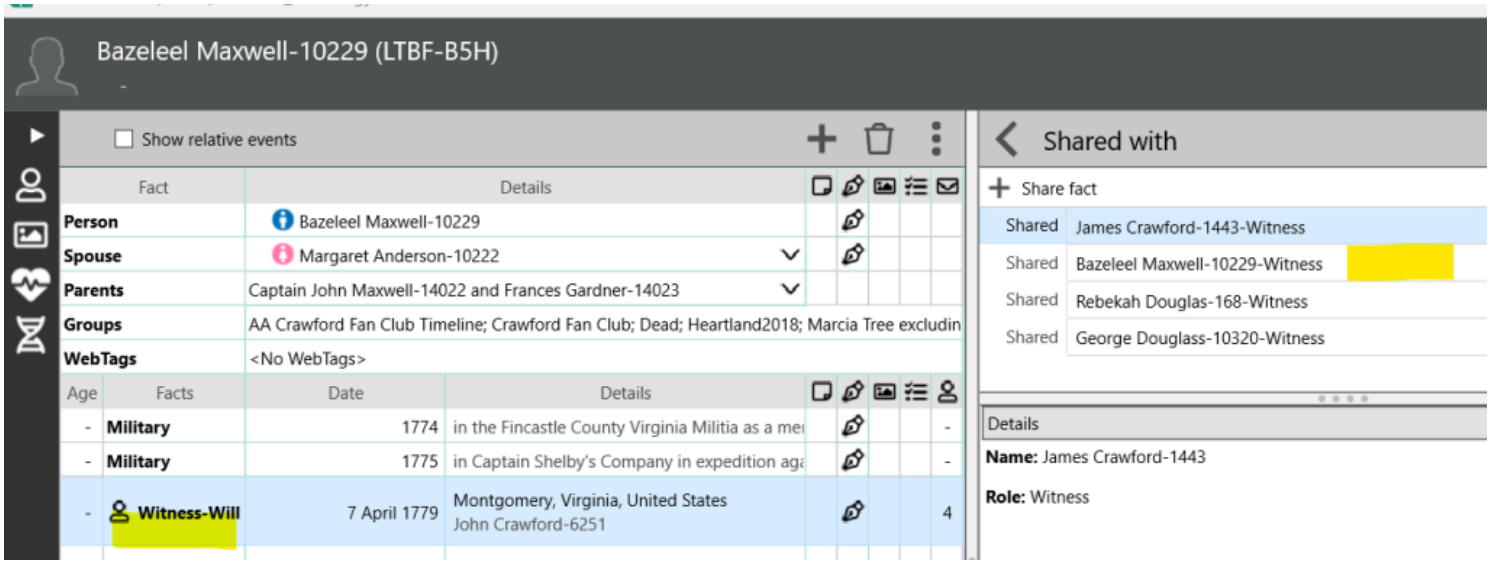
Are there any sites or apps that specialize in facilitating FAN club research - correlating evidence between neighborhood census data, church records, and other documents? I'm only getting so far with Excel. My dream would be an app that takes the US or U.K. census data for a neighborhood, puts it in a spreadsheet format, and would

One comment on the post mentioned using 'shared events'. This lead me to review how I manage some of these FAN club events in my RootsMagic file. For example, I have a source for the 1779 will of John Crawford in Montgomery County, Virginia. This will mentions his wife Rebekah, and witnesses James Crawford, Bazeleel Maxwell and George Douglass. Since Rebekah and the witnesses are members of my FAN club, I have shared the event with them.



This witnessed event does appear in a narrative report for the individual

Narrative Report for Bazeleel Maxwell-10229 8 August 2024

1. **Bazeleel Maxwell**[1] served in the military in the Fincastle County Virginia Militia as a member of Capt. Doak's Company in 1774.[2] He served in the military in Captain Shelby's Company in expedition against the Indians in 1775.[3] He witnessed the will of John Crawford on 7 Apr 1779 in Montgomery county, Virginia.[4–8] Bazeleel

Unfortunately, a timeline report does not include the witnessed event.

Timeline List for Bazeleel Maxwell-10229 8 August 2024

Age	Date	Event
	1774	Military: in the Fincastle County Virginia Militia as a member of Capt. Doak's Company[1]
	1775	Military: in Captain Shelby's Company in expedition against the Indians[2]
	28 Jun 1782	Land Entry: Kentucky, United States[3]
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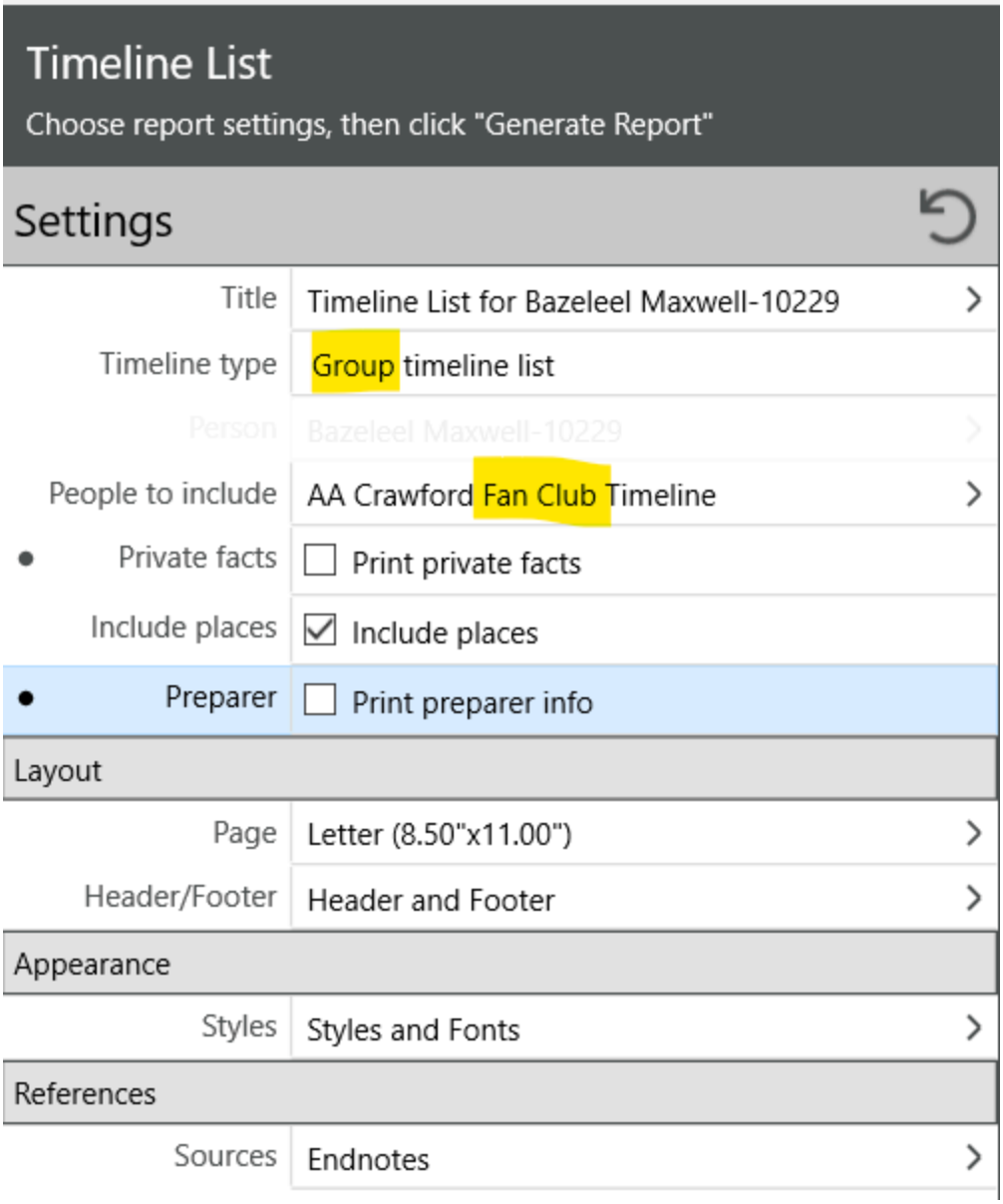
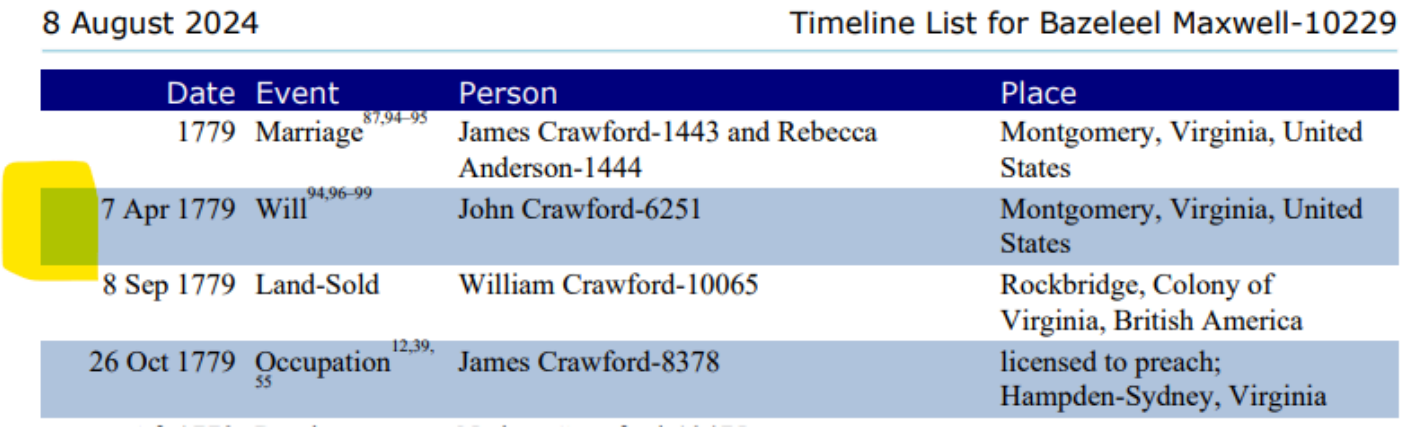
	1798	Residence (fam): Margaret Anderson-10222; Garrard, Kentucky, United States[4]



While the timeline report for a group can help document movement of the group, the report is incomplete without these shared events.



8 August 2024 Timeline List for Bazeleel Maxwell-10229

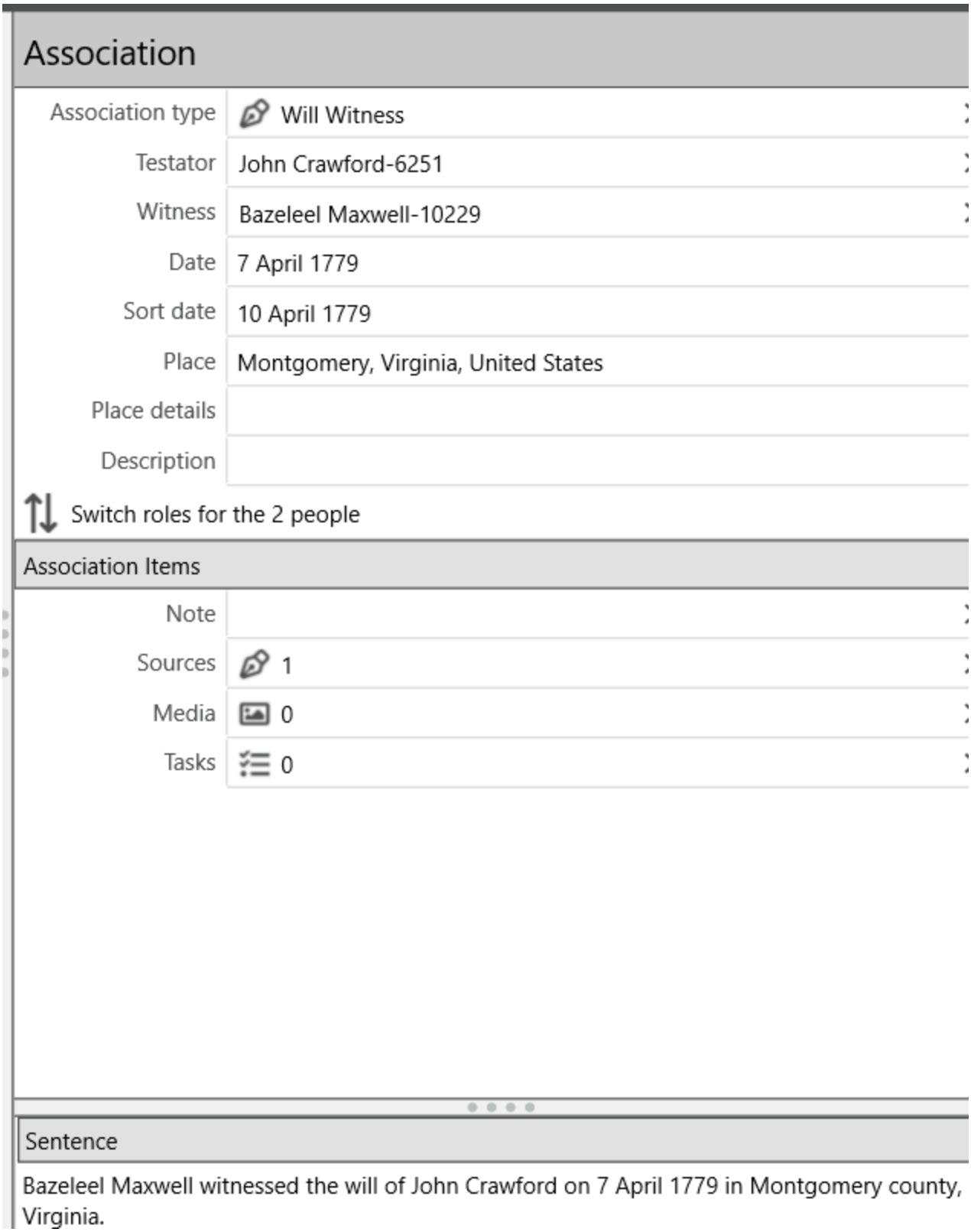
Date	Event	Person	Place
1779	Marriage[87,94–95]	James Crawford-1443 and Rebecca Anderson-1444	Montgomery, Virginia, United States
7 Apr 1779	Will[94,96–99]	John Crawford-6251	Montgomery, Virginia, United States
8 Sep 1779	Land-Sold	William Crawford-10065	Rockbridge, Colony of Virginia, British America
26 Oct 1779	Occupation[12,39,55]	James Crawford-8378	licensed to preach; Hampden-Sydney, Virginia

Based on how I've used shared events, they are useful when looking at an individual but not useful when working with a group such as a FAN club.

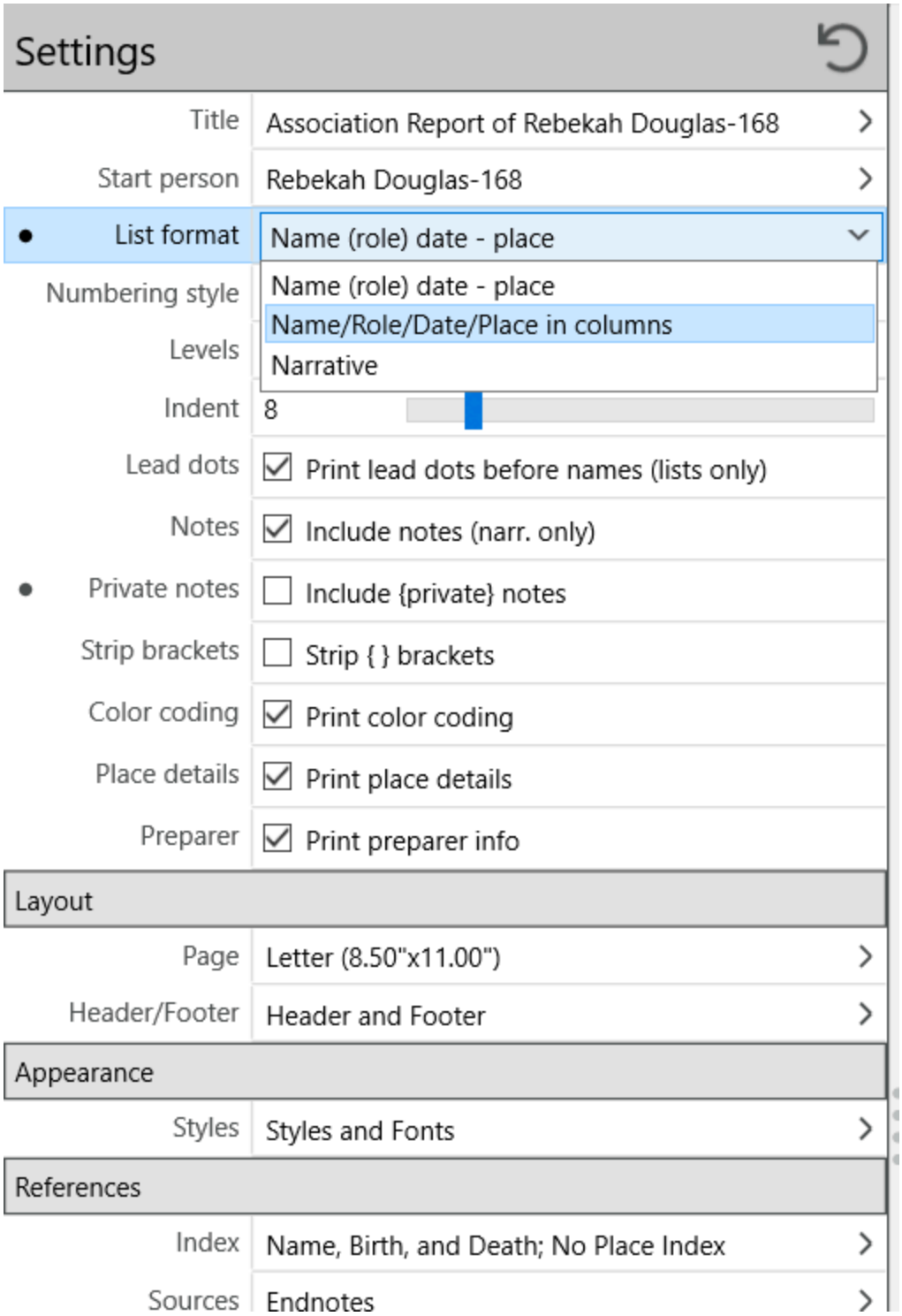
Thus, I started looking at other ways to potentially document these connections in RootsMagic. That's when I remembered a feature from RootsMagic 9 that I had not implented: Associations.

https://youtube.com/watch?v=URvuXuuH4jw

After viewing the Associations video, I configured several for my Crawford FAN Club, including one for John Crawford's will.



Besides the will, I also created Association events for a deed, two marriage license applications, and some tax and census records. These are a few of the records that tie together the three James Crawford lines found in Garrard County, Kentucky and connect them to other families in the area including Sellers, Douglass, Anderson and Dooley. The Association List Report (individual) will generate a list of these associations with three formatting choices for the output.



Using Rebekah Douglas as the starting individual, the report includes all three James Crawfords.

Association Report of Rebekah Douglas-168 8 August 2024

1-Rebekah Douglas-168
. . . . 2-John Crawford-6251 (Testator) 7 April 1779 - Montgomery, Virginia, United States
. . . . . 3-Bazeleel Maxwell-10229 (Witness) 7 April 1779 - Montgomery, Virginia, United States
. . . . . 4-James Crawford-1443 (Associate) 1782 - Montgomery, Virginia, United States
. . . . . 5-Samuel Anderson-10228 (Grantor) 3 Oc - being 200 acres of land adjoining Joseph Kennedy on the north and bounded on the south by land conveyed to William and John Anderson and bounded on the East by land of William Morrison
. . . . . 6-Capt Samuel Campbell-14085 (Grantee) 3 October 1798 - Madison, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 6-Mary Anderson-10223 (Grantee) 3 October 1798 - Madison, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 6-James Anderson-10226 (Grantee) 3 October 1798 - Madison, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 6-Hannah Wallace-10231 (Grantee) 3 October 1798 - Madison, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 6-Anne Anderson-10225 (Grantee) 3 October 1798 - Madison, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 6-John Gass-10232 (Grantee) 3 October 1798 - Madison, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 6-Margaret Anderson-10222 (Grantee) 3 October 1798 - Madison, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 6-Betsey Anderson-10224 (Grantee) 3 October 1798 - Madison, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 6-William M. Morrison-10478 (Associate) 3 October 1798 - Madison, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 6-Rebecca Anderson-1444 (Associate) 3 October 1798 - Madison, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 6-John Anderson-10083 (Father) -
. . . . . 3-George Douglass-10320 (Witness) 7 April 1779 - Montgomery, Virginia, United States
. . . . 2-Mary Crawford-170 (Bride) 19 December 1791 - Lincoln, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 3-James Crawford-1 (Witness) 19 December 1791 - Lincoln, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 4-James Sellers-174 (Groom) 19 December 1791 - Lincoln, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 5-William David Sellers-5228 (Witness) 19 December 1791 - Lincoln, Kentucky, United States
. . . . . 6-James Crawford-219 (Owner2) 1 June 1816 - Preble, Ohio, United States
. . . . . 5-Sarah Crawford-171 (Bride) 2 February 1796 - Lincoln, Kentucky, United States
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The narrative version of the Association report makes it easier to understand the relationships.

Virginia.

2-**Mary Crawford** was given permission to marry by Rebekah Douglas on 19 December 1791 [PlaceDetail] in Lincoln County, Kentucky.[4]

3-**James Crawford** witnessed the marriage license of Mary Crawford on 19 December 1791 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.[4]

4-**James Sellers**'s marriage license was witnessed by James Crawford on 19 December 1791 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.[4]

5-**William David Sellers** witnessed the marriage license of James Sellers on 19 December 1791 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.

6-**James Crawford** and William David Sellers purchased land together on 1 June 1816 in Preble County, Ohio.[5]

5-**Sarah Crawford**'s marriage license was witnessed by James Sellers on 2 February 1796 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.[6]

4-**Sarah Crawford**'s marriage license was witnessed by James Crawford on 2 February 1796 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.[6]

4-**William David Sellers**'s marriage license was witnessed by James Crawford on 2 February 1796 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.[6]

5-**James Crawford** was a neighbor of William David Sellers in 1820 in Washington Township

Unfortunately, the narrative version drops the individual's number making it look like it is referring to one person named James Crawford.

This report is also seems to be one dimensional. For example, the narrative report for Rebekah Douglas indicates that Bazeleel Maxwell witnessed the will of John Crawford (her husband). However, it does not indicate that James Crawford also witnessed the will. Instead it says that James was an 'associate' of Bazeleel Maxwell.

1-**Rebekah Douglas-168**

2-**John Crawford**'s will names Rebekah Douglas as a beneficiary in his will on 7 April 1779 in Montgomery county, Virginia.[1]

3-**Bazeleel Maxwell** witnessed the will of John Crawford on 7 April 1779 in Montgomery county, Virginia.[1]

4-**James Crawford** was an associate of Bazeleel Maxwell in 1782 in Montgomery, Virginia, United States.[2]

5-**Samuel Anderson** sold land to James Crawford in 3 Oc in being 200 acres of land adjoining Joseph Kennedy on the north and bounded on the south by land conveyed to William and John Anderson and bounded on the East by land of William Morrison.[3]

Another issue with the narrative version of the report the inability to distinguish people of the same name. Without the numbers following the name, one could read this report and assume that all mentions of James Crawford refer to one individual instead of three.

While using the ASSOCIATES feature in RootsMagic will help me document my FAN club, it still does not convey all of the connections between the FAN club members.

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 20, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart,World War II

Arlie W. Higgins

Arlie William Higgins was born on September 2, 1906, in America City, Kansas. A man of strong character and dedication, he pursued higher education at Kansas State College in Manhattan, where he graduated in 1929. His academic journey did not end there; he went on to earn a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration from the same institution in 1934, writing his thesis on “A Study of Compulsory Education in the State of Kansas.” This achievement was a testament to his commitment to both education and personal growth.
After completing his studies, Higgins embarked on a career in education, serving as a high school teacher and principal in Kansas. He worked at high schools in Ingalls and Florence, where his leadership and passion for education were evident. However, his career took a turn when the national defense program called him away from teaching. As a member of the Reserve Officers Corps, Higgins was summoned to active duty in the U.S. Army in 1940, where he served as a captain in the 3rd Infantry at Fort Crook, Nebraska. His military responsibilities soon took precedence, and he, along with his wife Venita Grace Schade, relocated to Fort Crook.
By 1941, Captain Higgins was stationed at Camp Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he continued to serve until his deployment to the Philippines later that year. The outbreak of World War II brought new challenges, and Higgins was soon embroiled in the conflict in the Pacific. He participated in the defense of the Philippines during the Japanese invasion and was eventually sent to an island approximately 400 miles from Manila. Despite the chaos and danger, Higgins managed to survive the initial Japanese attacks without injury.
In the early days of the war, Higgins was promoted to the rank of major. However, his situation grew dire as the Philippines fell to Japanese forces. In 1942, Major Higgins, along with thousands of other American and Filipino soldiers, was captured and became a prisoner of war. He was held in various Japanese prison camps, including the infamous Military Prison No. 2 in the Philippines. During his imprisonment, he managed to send occasional messages to his wife, Venita, and his mother, Hester, providing some reassurance of his well-being.
Tragically, Major Higgins’ story did not have a happy ending. In October 1944, he was among 1,775 prisoners aboard the Japanese transport ship Arisan Maru, which was en route from Manila to Japan. On October 24, 1944, the ship was torpedoed and sunk by an American submarine in the South China Sea, approximately 200 miles off the coast of China. The sinking resulted in one of the deadliest maritime disasters of the war, with nearly all prisoners, including Major Higgins, losing their lives.
The news of Higgins’ death was a severe blow to his family and the community of Seneca, Kansas, where he was well-known and respected. His mother, Hester Higgins, and his wife, Venita, had held onto hope for his return throughout his years of captivity. Major Higgins’ bravery and dedication to his country were remembered by those who knew him, and his legacy was honored at Kansas State College, where he and another local serviceman, Raymond Ruben Rokey, were commemorated in the All-Faith Chapel built in memory of alumni and students who served in World War II.
Major Arlie William Higgins is also memorialized at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines, where his name is inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing. His sacrifice, along with that of countless others, serves as a poignant reminder of the cost of war and the enduring legacy of those who gave their lives in the pursuit of freedom.

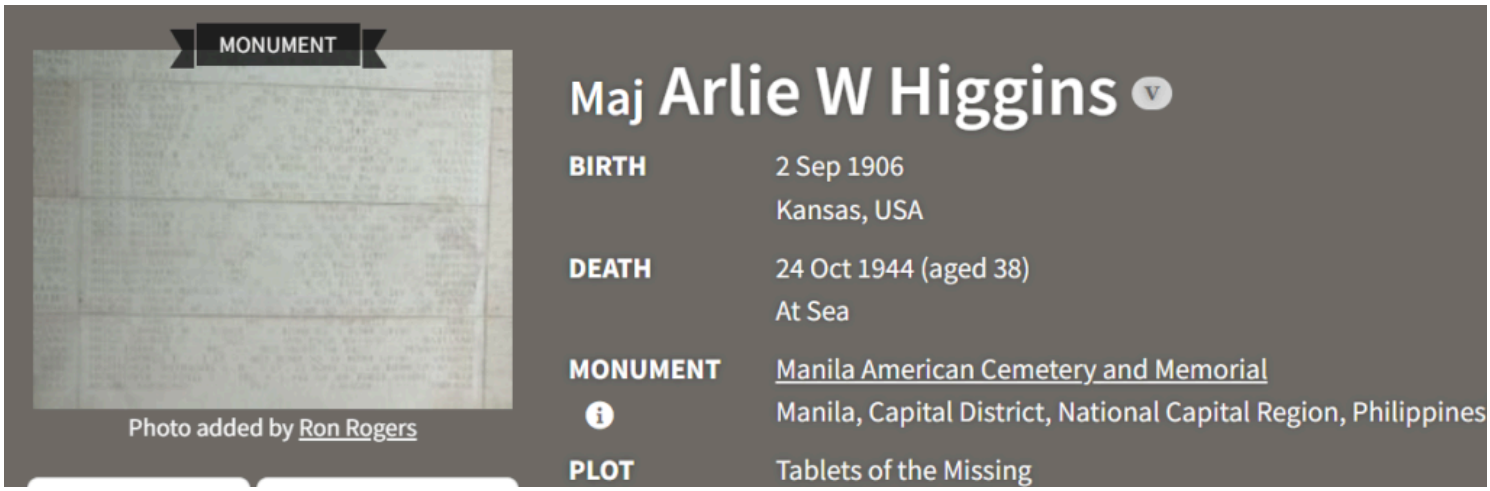
The above was written by ChatGPT from transcriptions of the various newspaper articles and answers from Perplexity.

Here is the list of sources used for the narrative about Arlie W. Higgins:

- Find a Grave Memorial ID 30464508:
  - Birth and death information, burial details, and a Purple Heart image on the memorial.
- Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS):
  - August 6, 1934, page 1: Information about Arlie W. Higgins receiving his Master’s Degree.
  - November 28, 1940, page 2: Details about Higgins being called from teaching by the national defense program.
  - July 10, 1941, page 3: Mention of Higgins stationed at Camp Leonard Wood and weekend trips to Lake of the Ozarks.
  - October 6, 1941, page 3: Mention of Higgins expected to return from maneuvers in Louisiana.
  - December 22, 1941, page 1: Report of Higgins surviving the initial Japanese attack on Manila.
  - January 29, 1942: Note on Higgins’ presence in the Philippines as an army captain.
  - February 9, 1942: Information on Higgins’ safety communicated to his mother.
  - March 23, 1942, page 1: Mrs. Hester Higgins’ mention of her son and grandsons in military service.
  - June 11, 1942, page 2: Brief mention of Higgins being promoted to Major.
  - August 10, 1942, page 1: Announcement of Higgins being a prisoner of war.
  - May 17, 1943, page 1: Confirmation of Higgins being alive and a prisoner of war.
  - July 5, 1943, page 1: Mention of Major Higgins among 789 soldiers held by Japan.

    - August 13, 1942, page 1: Information from the Red Cross about writing to Higgins.
    - September 13, 1943, page 1: A card received from Major Higgins through the Red Cross.
    - December 6, 1943, page 1: Arrival of the Gripsholm and discussion about war prisoners.
    - March 30, 1944, page 1: Another card received from Major Higgins from a Japanese prison.
    - August 17, 1944, page 5: No further word received from Higgins.
    - November 6, 1944, page 1: Information on Red Cross message forms available to send to war prisoners.
    - February 1, 1945, page 2: Word received through Mrs. Arlie Higgins that Major Higgins was well.
    - February 12, 1945, page 2: Mention of General Wainwright's transfer, with no word on Major Higgins.
    - June 28, 1945, page 1: Report on the death of Major Arlie W. Higgins during a prisoner transfer.
    - August 8, 1946, page 1: Announcement of Major Higgins being honored at Kansas State College.
- The Manhattan Mercury:
    - June 25, 1945, page 1: Report of Major Arlie Higgins' death when the Arisan Maru was sunk.
- Perplexity Inquiries:
    - Information on the Bataan Death March, Japanese military prisons, General Wainwright's imprisonment, details about the Arisan Maru sinking, and Major Arlie Higgins' role in the 101st Philippine Division.

These sources were used to compile the narrative of Major Arlie W. Higgins' life, military service, and ultimate sacrifice during World War II.



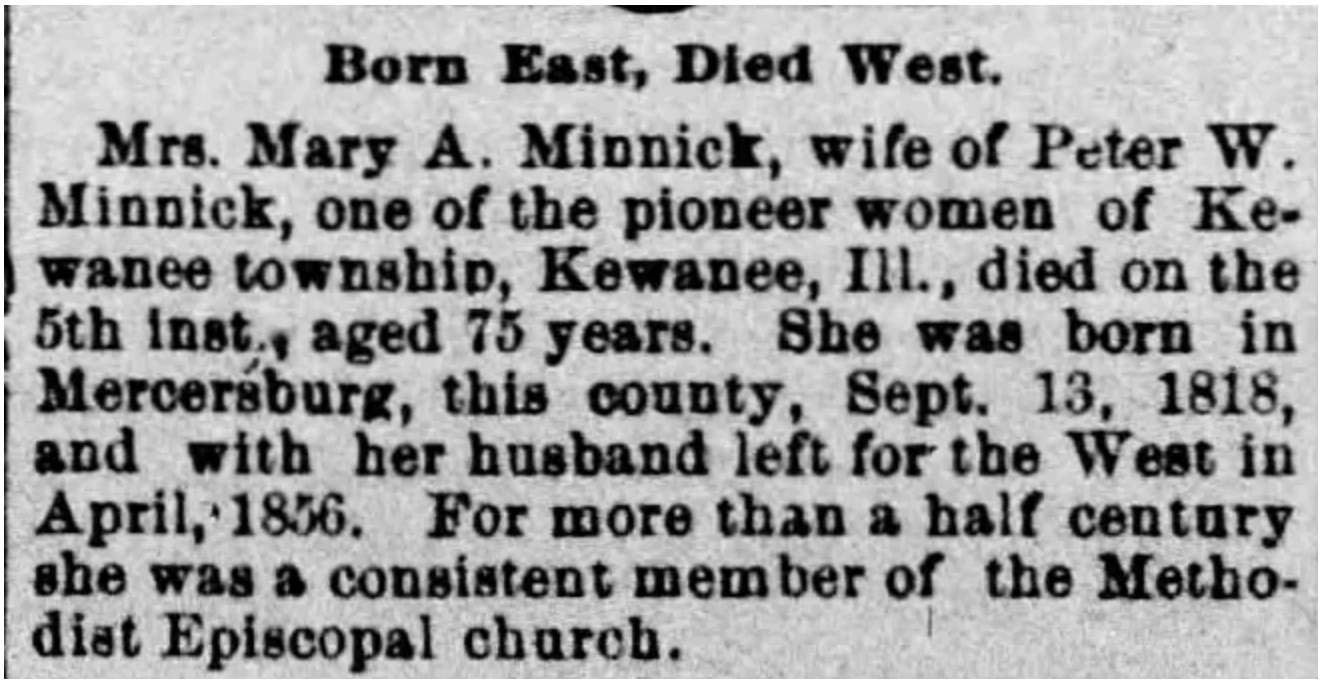
Peter and Mary Minnick

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 21, 2024
Artificial Intelligence,Minnick,Pennsylvania

Do you ever take 'detours' in your research? While looking through my MINNICK files from Illinois, I came across a digital image of a Pennsylvania newspaper. Hoping to find Minnick information in a digitized newspaper, I started searching on Newspapers.com.

As a result of that search, I found an obituary for Mary Minnick, wife of Peter Minnick.

> Born East, Died West.
> Mrs. Mary A. Minnick, wife of Peter W. Minnick, one of the pioneer women of Kewanee township, Kewanee, Ill., died on the 5th inst., aged 75 years. She was born in Mercersburg, this county, Sept. 13, 1818, and with her husband left for the West in April, 1856. For more than a half century she was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.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Since I used ChatGPT to transcribe the obituary, I decided to ask ChatGPT about Peter Minnick and his wife Mary. Below is my conversation with ChatGPT.

> **ChatGPT: What else can you tell me about Peter Minnick and his wife Mary?**
>
> Peter W. Minnick and his wife Mary Ann Geyer were significant figures in the early history of Kewanee, Illinois. Peter was born in Pennsylvania and worked as a merchant tailor. The couple moved to Kewanee, Illinois, in 1856, where Peter continued his trade until his death later that year on December 16, 1856. He is buried in the Old Kewanee Cemetery in Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois 9†source 10†source .
>
> Mary Ann Geyer Minnick, born on September 13, 1818, in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, moved west with Peter and continued to live in Kewanee after his death. She was a dedicated member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and lived until April 5, 1893, passing away at the age of 75. Mary Ann and Peter had several children: John W. Minnick, Wilson A. Minnick, Mary Ellen Minnick, Anna E. Minnick, Louisa C. Minnick, Carrie M. Minnick, and Peter Gilbert Minnick 9†source 11†source .
>
> The Minnick family contributed to the development of Kewanee, with their children establishing their lives and families in the area. Wilson A. Minnick, for example, was a prominent figure in the local community, working as a grocer and being actively involved in politics as a Republican 11†source .
> **ChatGPT: What can you tell me about Peter Minnick while he lived in Pennsylvania?**

Peter W. Minnick's life in Pennsylvania before moving to Illinois was marked by his work as a merchant tailor. Here are some key details about his life during that period:

1. **Occupation**: Peter worked as a tailor, a common and respected profession in the 19th century. This occupation likely provided him with a stable income and a good reputation within his community. According to the 1850 U.S. Census, he was listed as a 33-year-old tailor living in Mercersburg, Montgomery Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania 9†source 10†source .
2. **Family**: Peter was married to Mary Ann Geyer, and they had several children while living in Pennsylvania. Their children included John W. Minnick (born 1840), Wilson A. Minnick (born 1842), Mary Ellen Minnick (born 1846), Anna E. Minnick (born 1848), and Louisa C. Minnick (born 1850). The family lived together in Mercersburg, which suggests a stable family life 9†source 11†source .
3. **Community Involvement**: While specific details about Peter's involvement in the community are not extensively documented, his occupation as a tailor would have made him a well-known figure in Mercersburg. Tailors often played essential roles in their communities by providing clothing and other textile services.
4. **Move to Illinois**: In April 1856, Peter and his family decided to move west to Kewanee, Illinois. This move was part of a larger trend of westward migration during the mid-19th century, as many families sought new opportunities and land in the expanding United States 10†source .

Peter Minnick's life in Pennsylvania set the stage for his family's future in Illinois, where they continued to contribute to their new community. His early death in 1856, shortly after their move, left Mary Ann to carry on his legacy in Kewanee.

ChatGPT: Can you create endnotes for the sources used?

Here are the endnotes for the sources used:

1. **Peter W. Minnick's Life and Occupation**:

- "Peter W. MINNICK," Heartland Genealogy Site, accessed August 8, 2024, http://sites.rootsmagic.com/heartland/individual.php?p=6405 9†source 10†source .

1. **Family Details and Children**:

- "Wilson A. MINNICK," Heartland Genealogy Site, accessed August 8, 2024, http://sites.rootsmagic.com/heartland/individual.php?p=6407 11†source .

1. **Move to Illinois and Community Involvement**:

- "Peter W. MINNICK," Heartland Genealogy Site, accessed August 8, 2024, http://sites.rootsmagic.com/heartland/individual.php?p=6405 9†source 10†source .

These endnotes consolidate the sources where information about Peter Minnick and his family was found.

Even though ChatGPT only pulled information from my old RootsMagic site, it was fun seeing what ChatGPT could tell me.

John Minnick Obituary

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 22, 2024
Minnick,Pennsylvania

Do you limit your searches for an obituary to the area where the person died? If so, consider that an obituary could be found in their former home town. Typically, I search in the area where someone lived. However, while looking for another obituary, I found one for John Minnick of Kewanee, Illinois in a Pennsylvania newspaper.

> Waynseboro Record (Waynesboro, PA)
> 7 May 1903
> page 4
>
> HEARD DEATH'S SUMMONS
> RECORD OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED AWAY.
> Loved Ones Who Have Been Summoned To Cross The Dark River During The Past Few Days
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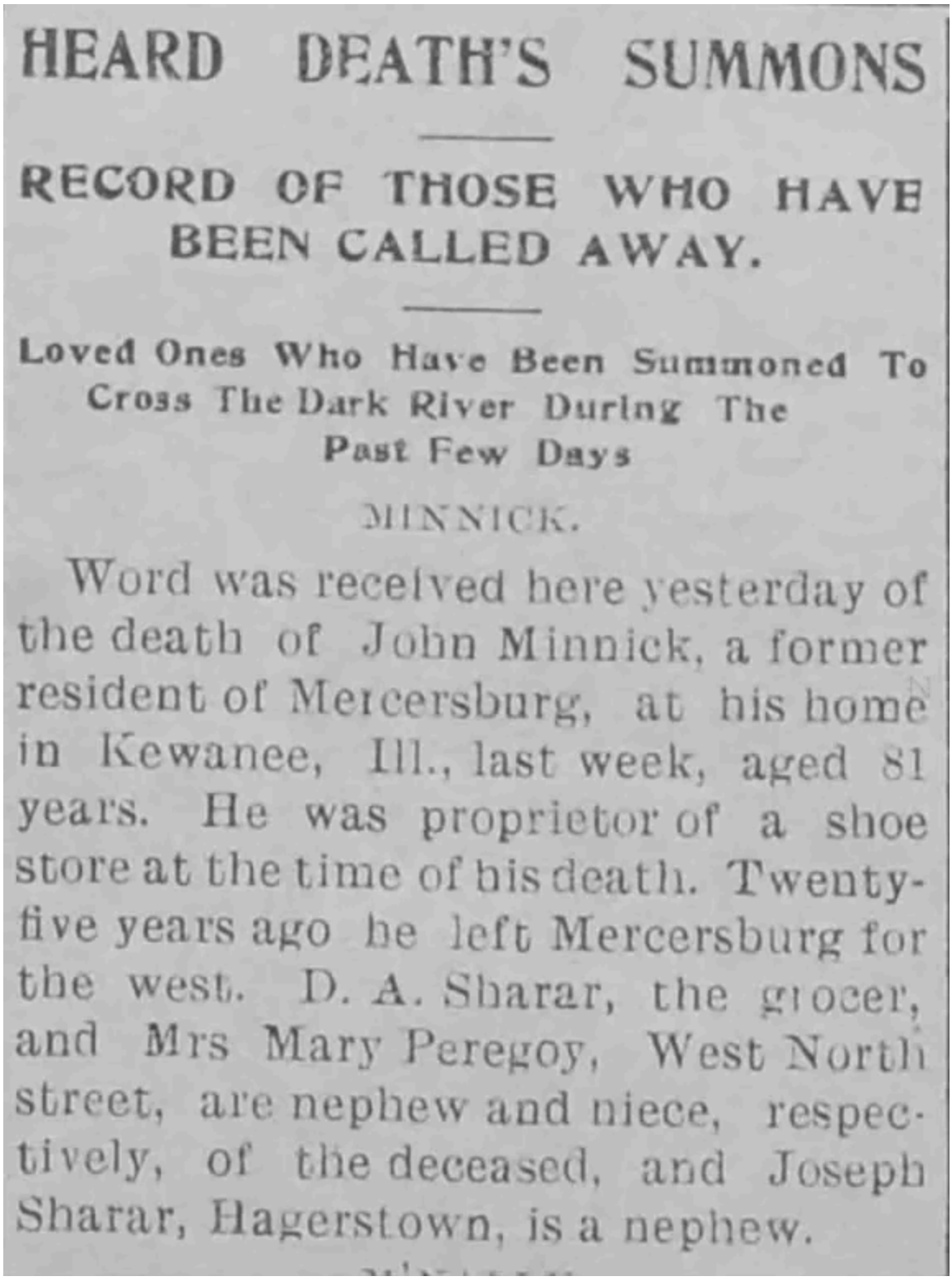

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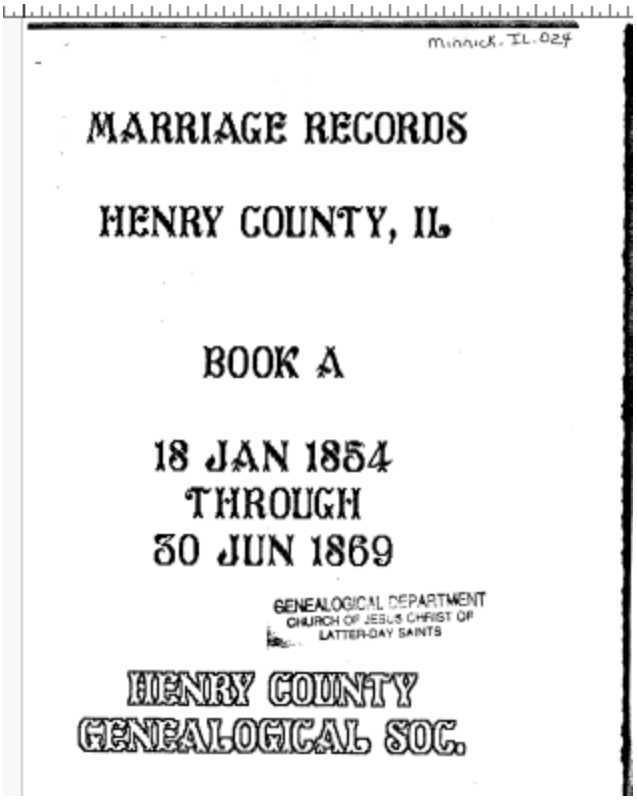
This obituary identifies a niece, Mrs. Mary Pergoy, and two newphews: D. A. and Joseph Sharar. Unfortunately, I don't know how these individuals are related to John Minnick.

Friday Find

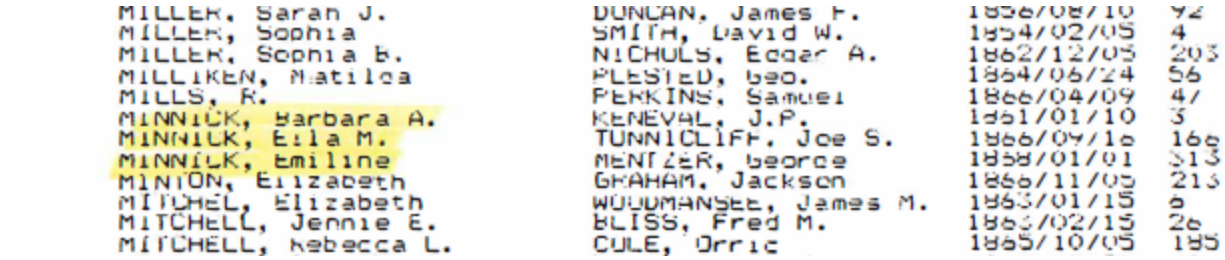
By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 23, 2024
Henry County Illinois,Minnick

Do you have photocopies of book pages in your genealogy files? If so, are any of them indexes to records? If they are, have you used them to locate the digitized images of those records?

Today, I came across an index of Henry County, Illinois marriage records compiled by the Henry County Genealogical Society.



My photocopy from this book includes the entries for females with the surname MINNICK.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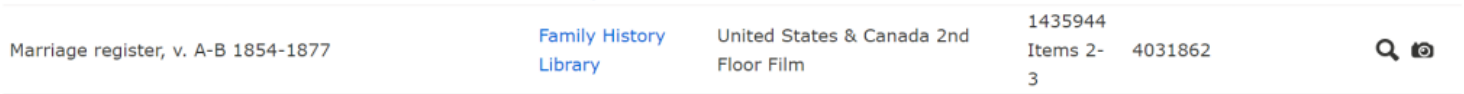
When this book was originally published, it provided essential information to locate a marriage record. With the date and page number from the book, one would typically write to the county office and request a photocopy of the record. In today's digital age, however, this book serves as a valuable hint to access the Henry County, Illinois marriage records available on the FamilySearch website and locate the digitized image.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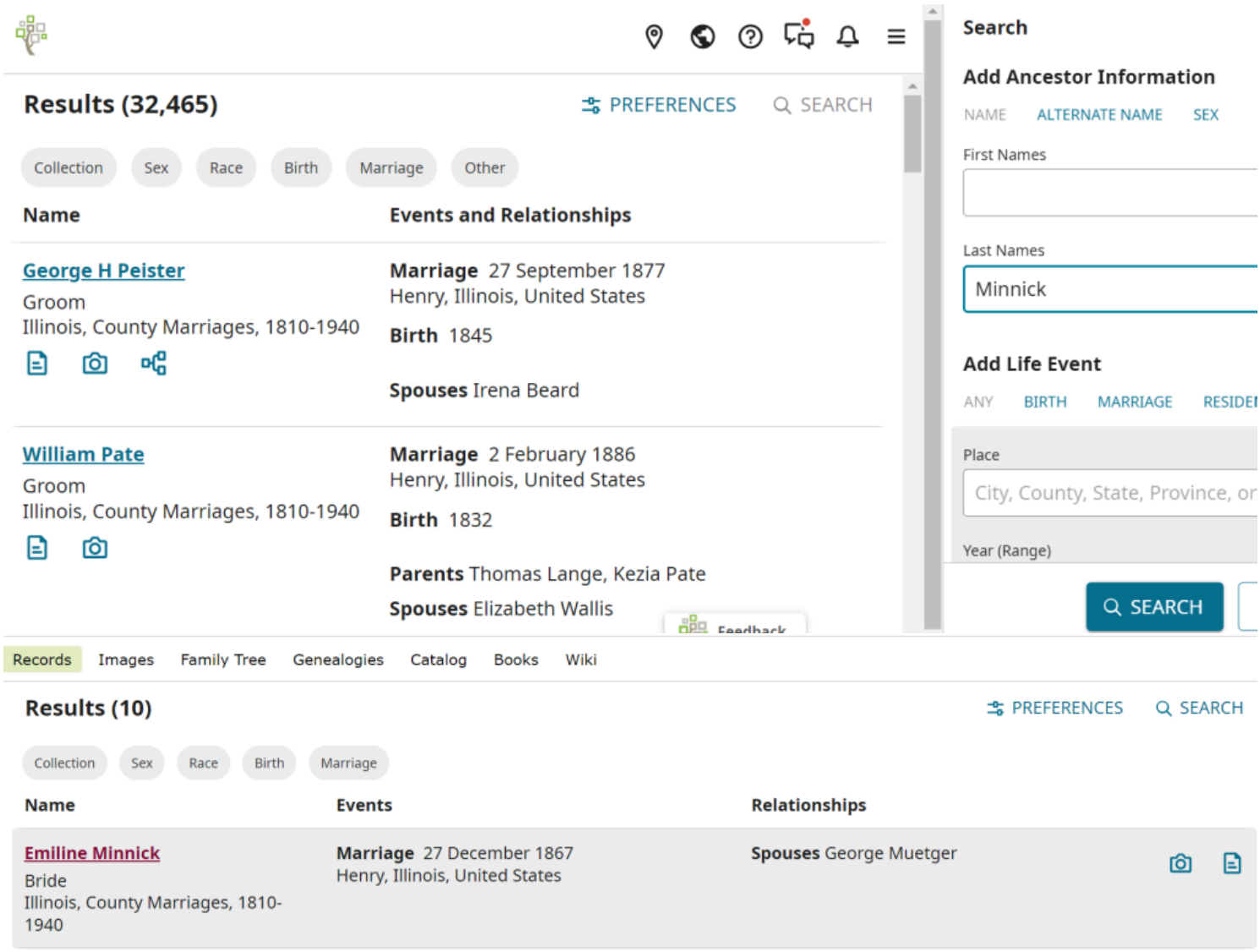

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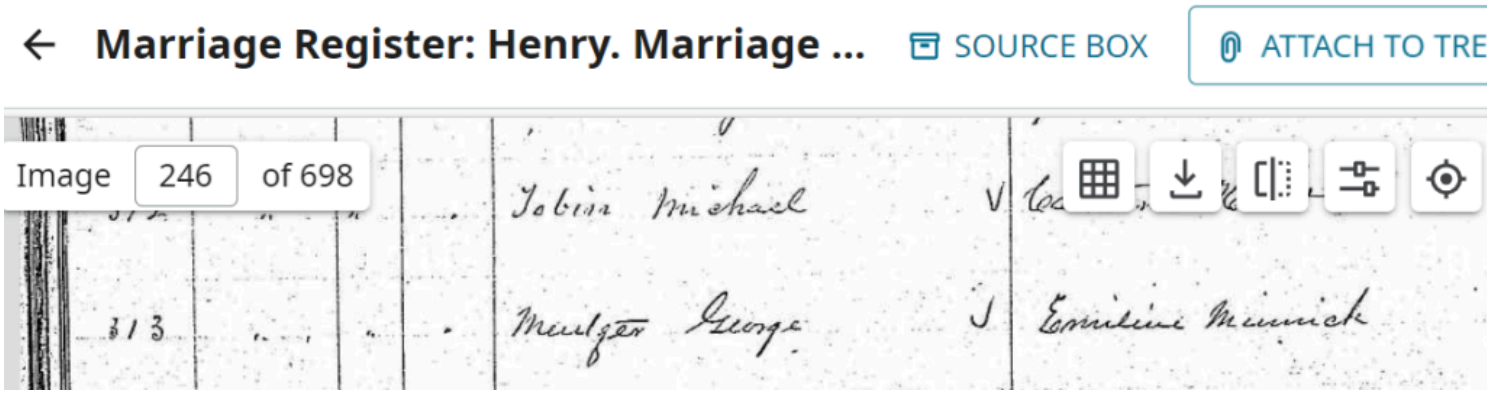

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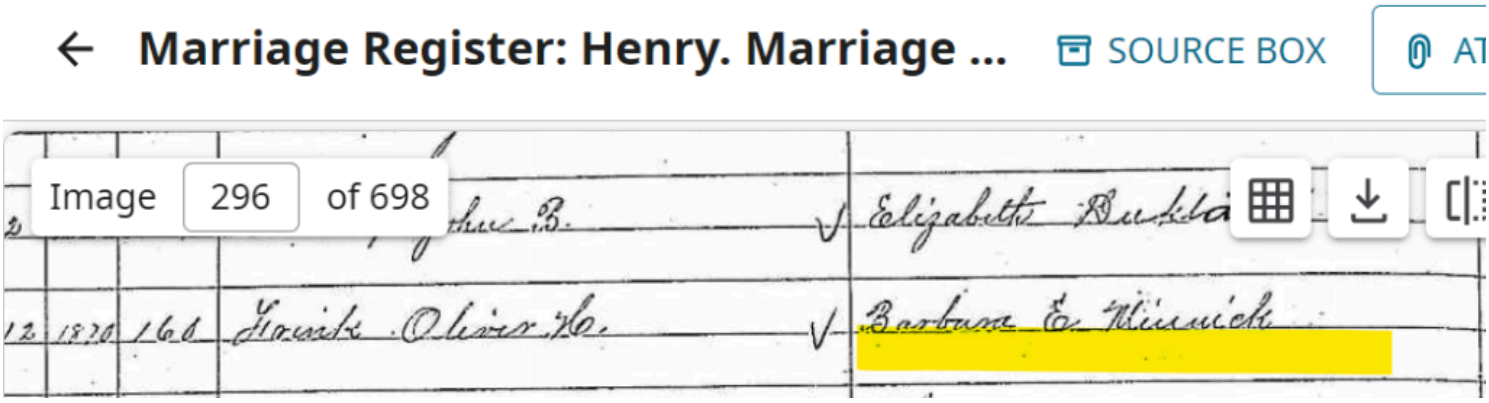

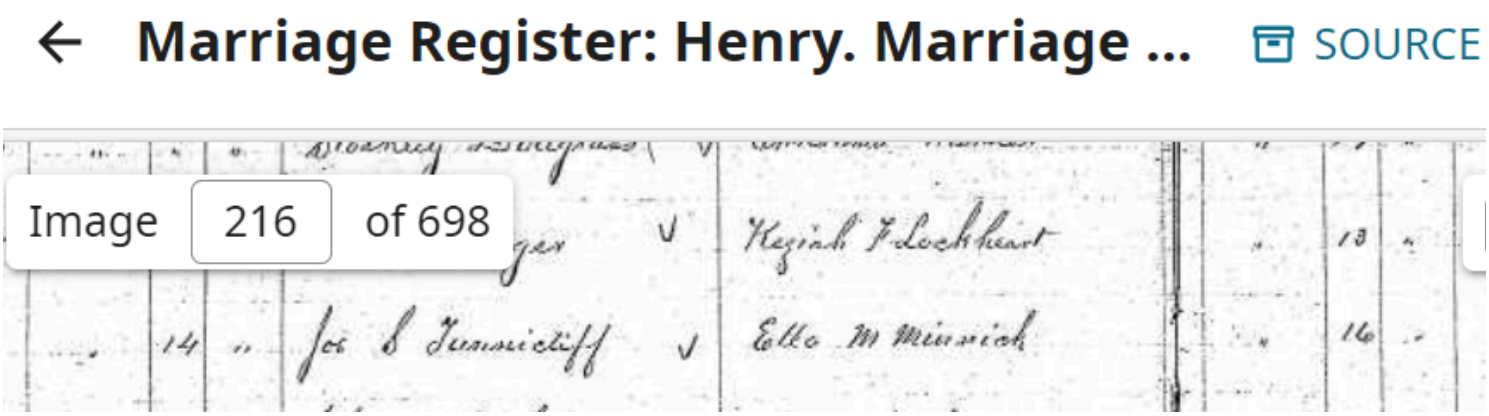

While the books published by local genealogists and societies were invaluable in my early research days, I am grateful for the accessibility and convenience that FamilySearch provides today.

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 24, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II

Today's military news for Nemaha County highlights the need for three more residents to report for service. It is important to remember that this takes place in April 1941, several months before the attack on Pearl Harbor in December of that year.

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1. Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas) 10 April 1941, page 1 ↩

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 25, 2024
SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Do you have ancestors who suffered the loss of one or both parents early in their life? Did the surviving parent remarry soon after one parent died? Was a guardian appointed for your ancestor to protect their physical or legal interests?

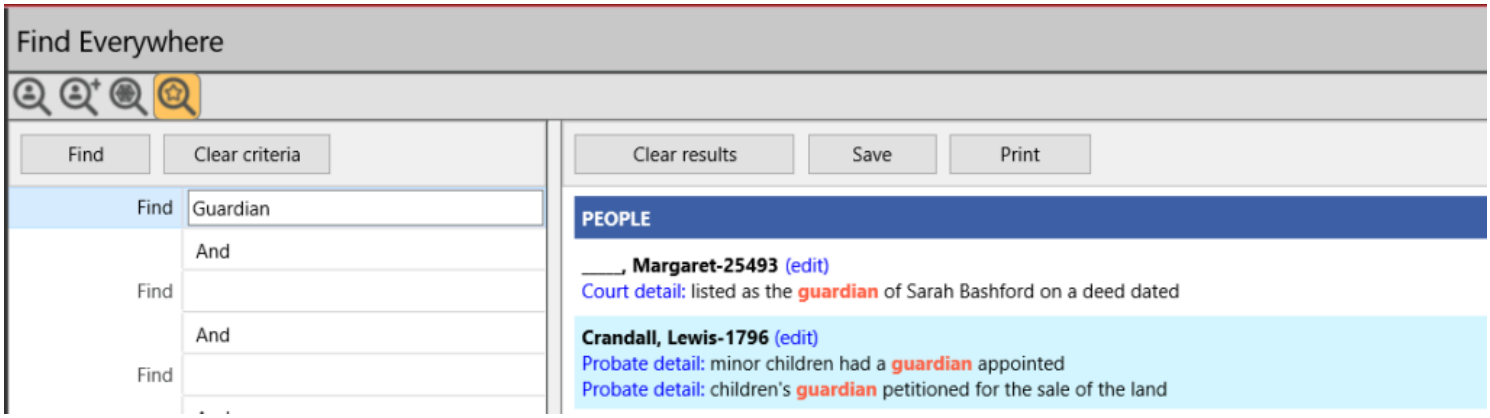
2) Tell us about one or two of your "orphaned" ancestors and how this affected their life.

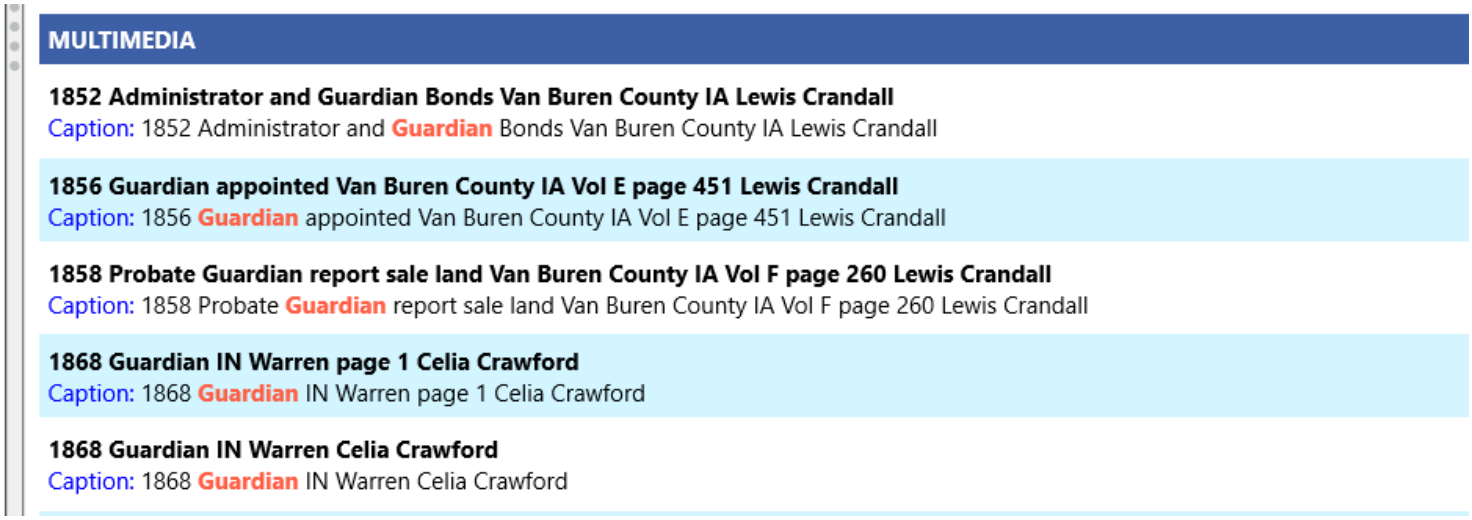
To begin to answer these questions, I first had to figure out which ancestors lost a parent while young. I limited my search to grandparents thru third grandparents.

- Grandmother, Winnie Leatha Currey was 10 when her mother died
- Great grandfather, Edward G. Briles, was 10 when his father died
- Great great grandfather, Hiram M. Currey, was 7 when his mother died
- Great great grandfather, Hiram M. Currey, was likely 14 when his father disappeared from records
- Great great grandmother, Angelina Burke, was 9 when her father died
- Great great grandfather, Albert Hutchinson, was 1 when his father died
- Great great grandfather, Albert Hutchinson, was 9 when his mother died
- Great great grandmother, Julia Harding, was 6 when her mother died
- Great great grandfather, George Mentzer, was 7 when his father died
- Great great grandfather, Thurston Wells, was 11 when his father died
- Great great grandmother, Salome Crandall was 10 when her mother died
- Great great grandmother, Salome Crandall was 16 when her father died

To quickly determine whether I had any guardianship records for these ancestors, I did a 'Find Everywhere' search in my RootsMagic file for the word Guardian.

While that search revealed probate records appointing guardians for the minor children of Lewis Crandall, Salome Crandall was 20 at the time. Thus, she is not named in those records.

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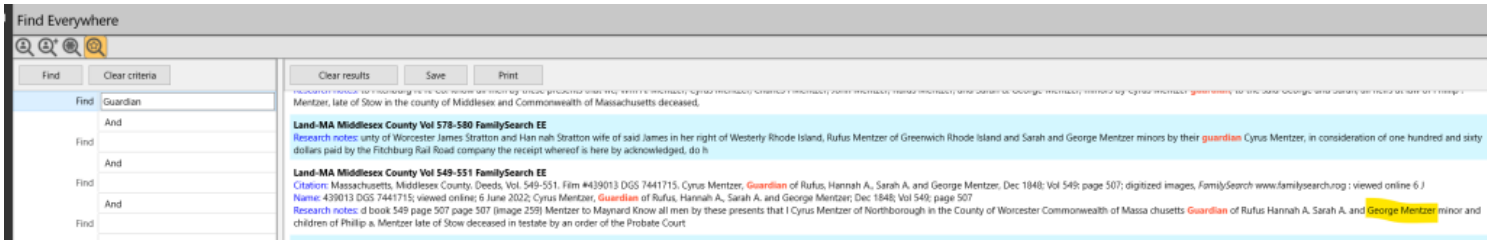
The ‘Find Everywhere’ search did uncover a record identifying the guardian of George Mentzer. This record was for the 1849 sale of land by George’s older brother, Cyrus. In the deed, Cyrus is identified as the guardian of George Mentzer. While I have the sale of the land as an event in George Mentzer’s timeline, I do not have a guardian fact. Thus, without the Find Everywhere search, I would not have quickly found this information.



The death of a parent affected my ancestors in a variety of ways.

- Edward Briles’ mother, Sarah, raised her two children on her own. She did have support of her husbands family since they lived near her father-in-law and brothers-in-law.
- Albert Hutchinson, who lost both of his parents before the age of 10, is shown in the 1850 census in the household of his great-aunt, Cynthia Finch.
- Hiram Currey, who lost both of his parents before the age of 15, is shown in the 1850 census in the household of his widowed aunt, Jane Currey.

For my grandmother, the loss of her mother at the age of 10 had a huge impact on her and her siblings. Because her father did not feel capable of caring for his young family, the family was split up. The two youngest, Earnest aged 7 and Alma aged 1, were placed with other families. According to my grandmother, Winnie Currey, she and her two older sisters, Mary and Myrtle, were placed in a children’s home. Fortunately, the family was able to reconnect as adults. My blog post, Orphaned in the City, shows my quest to document these stories of my grandmother.

Thank you Randy for this challenge!

AI Graphic Generation

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 26, 2024
Artificial Intelligence

Do you ever find yourself taking a detour in your research?

Recently, I decided to take a break from my family history research and focus on a project for the Nemaha County Historical Society. With the society's museums set to open for the city's Oktoberfest, I'm working on special signage to highlight items in our collection that were invented in Germany.

To make sure these signs resonate with the Oktoberfest theme, I turned to ChatGPT for help in creating some relevant graphics. Although I didn't save my exact prompt, ChatGPT provided several different Oktoberfest-themed designs that I can use.

Thanks ChatGPT for producing these graphics.

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 27, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart

Willard Winsor

Willard Ira Winsor's military career was one marked by dedication and sacrifice, culminating in his tragic death during World War II.

Born on July 20, 1906, in Hastings, Nebraska, Willard Winsor entered the U.S. Navy shortly after graduating from Seneca High School in Kansas in 1925. He embarked on a career that would span nearly two decades, serving with distinction as a Chief Yeoman. Over the years, Winsor served on various ships, including the USS Texas, USS Pike (SS-173), and USS Sturgeon (SS-187). His service took him to different parts of the world, including the Panama Canal Zone, where he was stationed for several years before returning to the United States.

Winsor's life took a dramatic turn during World War II. He was stationed in the Philippines during the Japanese invasion and was captured in May 1942 following the fall of Manila. He became a prisoner of war and was held in the notorious Bilibid Prison in Manila. Conditions were harsh, but Winsor reportedly remained in good health despite the dire circumstances. His resilience and leadership were evident as he was credited with saving the lives of many comrades during the defense of Corregidor, actions for which he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star.

In October 1944, Winsor, along with approximately 1,800 other American POWs, was forced aboard the Arisan Maru, a Japanese "hell ship" used to transport prisoners under inhumane conditions. The ship, unmarked and part of a convoy heading toward Japan, was tragically torpedoed and sunk by an American submarine on October 24, 1944, in the South China Sea off the coast of China. Winsor did not survive the sinking, which resulted in one of the largest single losses of American life in a maritime disaster during the war. Only nine of the POWs aboard the Arisan Maru survived.

After the war, Winsor's heroism and ultimate sacrifice were recognized. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. His daughter, Elva Frances Winsor, accepted these honors on his behalf at a special ceremony in Hiawatha, Kansas, in 1948. Winsor's name was inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines, a lasting tribute to his service and sacrifice.

Willard Winsor's story is one of courage, dedication, and the profound loss felt by his family and country. His life and service exemplify the highest ideals of duty and patriotism.

The above narrative was written by ChatGPT using research from newspapers, Find a Grave and Perplexity. Michael Philbrick did the newspaper research.

Here's a list of the sources used in the narrative about Willard Ira Winsor's military career:

1. **Find a Grave Memorial 91273901** – Information on Willard Ira Winsor's birth, death, and military service.
2. **Find a Grave Memorial 56778282** – Details about Winsor's service number, burial, and awards including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.
3. **U.S. Navy Casualties Books, 1776-1941** – Records of Willard Ira Winsor as a prisoner of war.
4. **Hiawatha Daily World (Hiawatha, Kansas), 16 February 1948** – Details of the Bronze Star Medal posthumously awarded to Winsor and his heroic actions during the Battle of Corregidor.
5. **The Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas), 12 February 1948** – Information on the posthumous awards presented to Winsor's daughter, Elva Winsor.
6. **Anaheim Bulletin (Anaheim, California), 14 May 1943** – Information on Winsor being held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese.
7. **Beatrice Daily Sun (Beatrice, Nebraska), 5 July 1945** – Report of Winsor's death following the sinking of a Japanese prisoner of war ship.
8. **The Long Beach Sun (Long Beach, California), 24 June 1942** – Report of Winsor being listed as missing and presumed a prisoner of war.
9. **The Fairfield Auxiliary (Fairfield, Nebraska), 12 April 1945** – Confirmation of Winsor's status as a prisoner in Japan.
10. **The Fairfield Auxiliary (Fairfield, Nebraska), 20 December 1945** – Information on Winsor being posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.
11. **Wrecksite.eu** – Details on the sinking of the Arisan Maru, the ship carrying POWs, including Winsor.
12. **The Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas), 28 June 1945** – Official Navy Department report on the death of Willard Winsor due to the sinking of the Japanese ship.

13. **Perplexity AI** – Summarized historical data on the sinking of the Arisan Maru.

These sources collectively provide a comprehensive view of Willard Winsor's military career, his capture, and his tragic death during World War II.

Citizenship Records

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 28, 2024
Nemaha County

Have you located citizenship records for your ancestor?

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In my recent research, I've been trying to document a Nemaha county family's trek from Germany to Kansas. As part of that research, I stumbled upon the court document granting citizenship.

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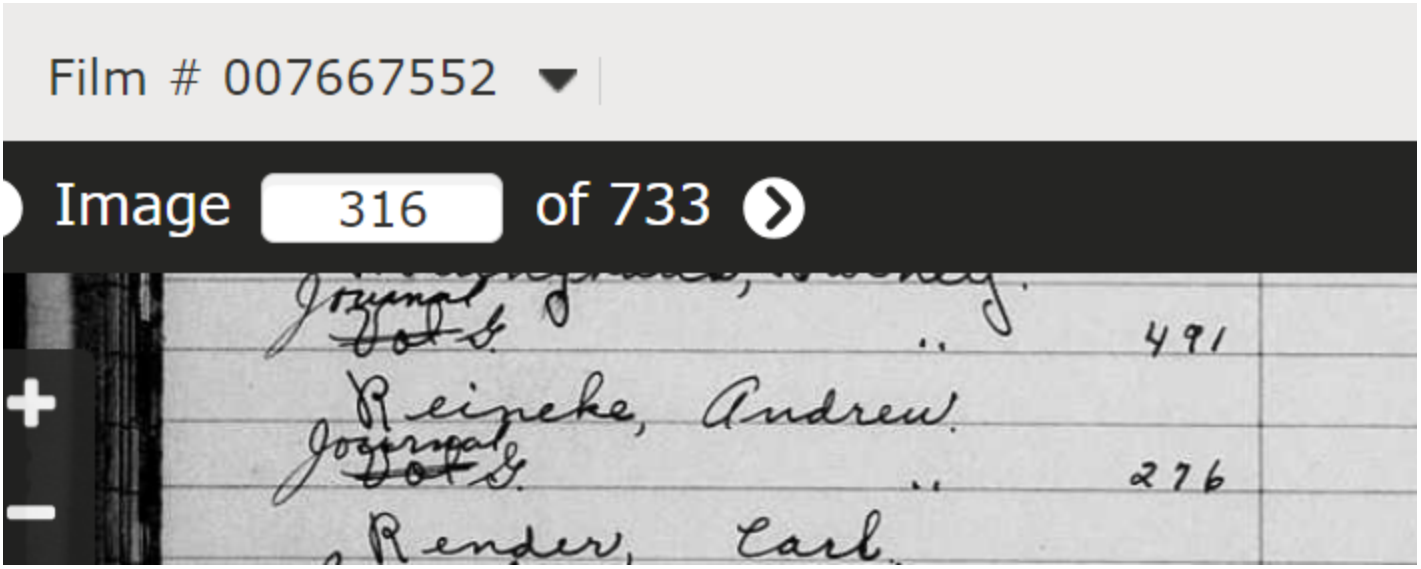

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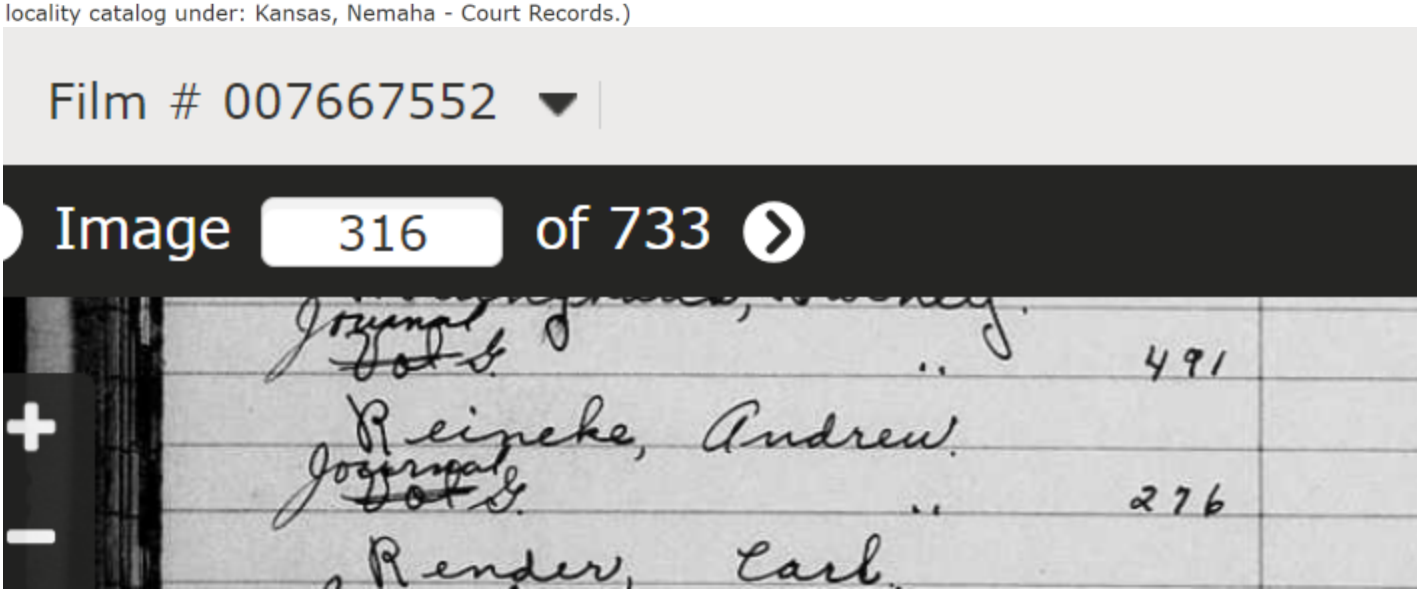

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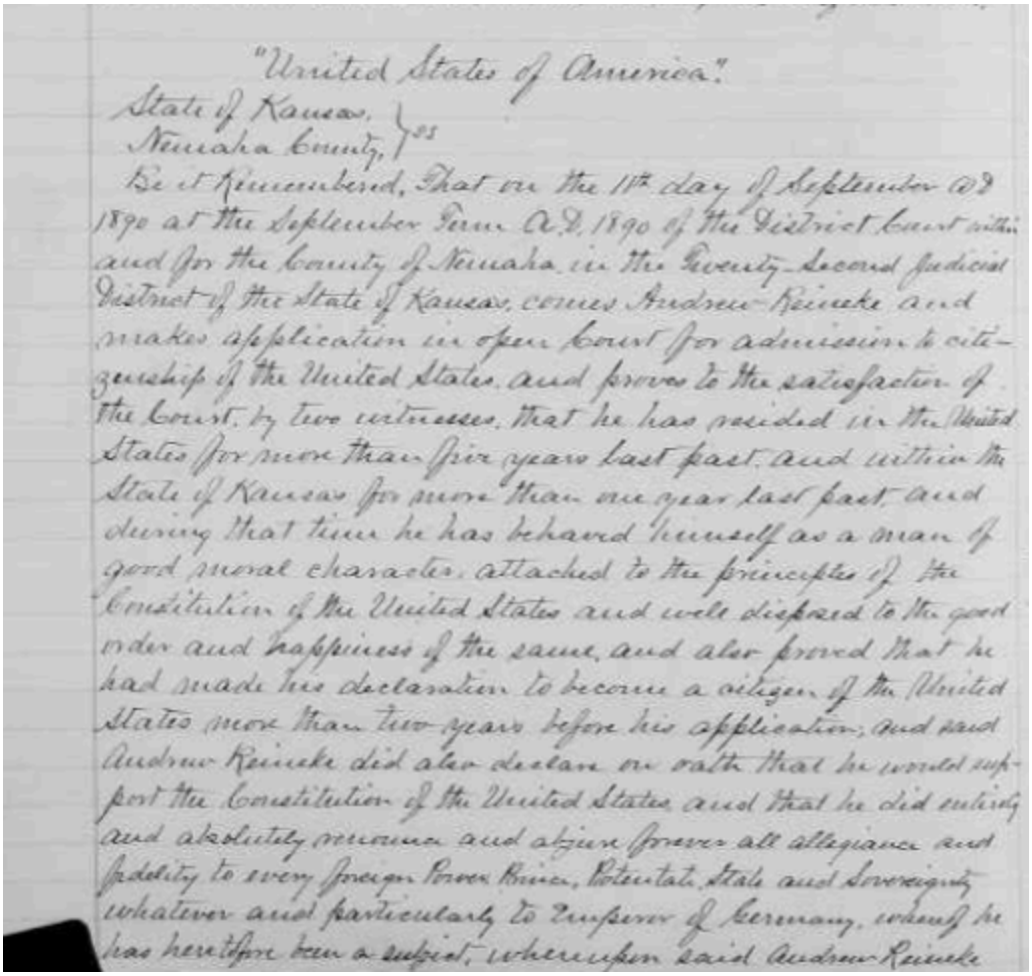

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Crawford Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 29, 2024
Crawford,FamilySearch,Montgomery County,Virginia

Did you catch Elizabeth Shown Mills' Facebook post about her success using FamilySearch's experimental labs to locate deeds and wills? Her experience provides compelling evidence of the effectiveness of this new tool!

While I haven't uncovered 43 documents for a single individual like Mills, I am using the tool to locate records for everyone with the Crawford surname in Montgomery, Botetourt, and eventually Augusta counties in Virginia, prior to 1820. My goal is to use these documents to distinguish between the various Crawford lines and identify my ancestral lineage. Although I could rely on the traditional grantor/grantee indexes, the experimental labs index offers a faster alternative and helps me uncover records that mention a Crawford, even in passing.

Today's discovery is an 1831 deed involving two Deyerle families. Based on the information in the FamilySearch tree, I believe the individuals mentioned in the deed are from the John Bowman Deyerle Sr. family and the Abram Deyerle family.

- John Bowman Deyerle Sr (1772-1871) LRNN-L9P
  - Jane [Doyerle] widow (1780-1842) LB9Q-4D6]
  - Peter Doyerle (1796-?) [L423-XFH]
  - Rebecca Doyerle (1800-1875) [LC8Y-3HP]
  - [Crockett] Doyerley (1796-1848) [L423-NZG] & Mary his wife,
  - Catherine Doyerle, widow of
  - [Buchanan] Doyerle decd
  - John Doyerle (1804-?) [KCDK-WYG] and Elizabeth his wife,
  - John Chapman and Nancy (1813-1880) [LC8Y-3MY]his wife
  - Walter Doyerle (1817-?) [LC8Y-3NZ]

- Abram Deyerle (1777-1831) LWVQ-7WG
  - Sally Doyerly, (1784-1859) [2MB1-74N] widow of Abram Doyerle dec'd,
  - [Salome] Duckwiler [LZPF-991] wife of Isaac Duckwiler,
  - Eliza Crawford (1803-1850) [L5DC-NVJ]wife of James Crawford (1802-1871) [LZ88-VZ9]
  - Rebecca Hill (1803-?) [KPSW-MF6] wife of James [Hille]
  - Sally Doyerle (1812-1849) [LC33-F7V]
  - Thomas Jefferson Doyerle (1811-1872) [KPSR-G53]
  - Alexander Doyerle (1812-1870) [KPSW-MQ6]
  - [Regany] Doyerle (1803-?) [M7FM-MKH]
  - Abram Doyerle — IS THIS PETER?
  - Jackson Doyerle (1823-1907) [LCCK-D5Y],

The names listed in the deed align with the structure of these two families, so I have attached the document to the profiles of John Bowman Deyerle Sr., Abram Deyerle, their widows, and the identified children. Given the deed's date of 1831, it's clear that John Bowman Deyerle Sr. could not have passed away in 1871 as currently listed. Hopefully, relatives of the Deyerle families will notice this discrepancy and update his death date accordingly.

Interestingly, this Deyerle deed also identifies a Crawford. It reveals that Eliza Deyerle's husband was James Crawford. According to the FamilySearch tree, James Crawford is the son of James Crawford and Jean Poage. Tracing the Crawford line further back, it appears that Eliza Deyerle's husband, James, descends from the David Crawford lineage, which immigrated to early Virginia.

Below is the transcription of the Deyerle deed.

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> Deed Book L, 1832-1835
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> This Indenture made this [14th] day of October in the year of our Lord
> 1831 between Jane [Doyerle] widow of John B Doyerly and Peter Doyerle, Rebec
> ca Doyerle, [Crockett] Doyerley & Mary his wife, Catherine Doyerle, widow of
> [Buchanan] Doyerle decd John Doyerle and Elizabeth his wife, John Chapman

and Nancy his wife and Walter Doyerle, children and heirs at law of John B. Doyerle decd of the one part and Sally Doyerly, widow of Abram Doyerle dec'd, [Salome] [Duckwiler] wife of Isaac Duckwiler, Eliza Crawford wife of James Crawford, Rebecca Hill wife of James [Hille] Sally Doyerle, Thomas Jefferson Doyerle, Alexander Doyerle, [Regany] Doyerle, Abram Doyerle and Jack son Doyerle, children and heirs at law of Abram Doyerle decd who died intestate of the other part, all of Montgomery County and State of Virginia witnesseth that whereas Peter Doyerle decd by his last will and testament which is duly admitted to record in the county court of Montgomery after divising certain tract of land to his three sons directed that after the death of his wife the home tract of land should be sold and the proceeds of the sale were to be divided equally among all his children mentioned in said will. And whereas the said John B. Deyerle decd was a son of the said Peter Deyerle decd and entitled under his father ' s will to a child's share of whatever the said home tract of land , directed to be sold might sell for, which would be one sixth part and whereas the said John B. Deyerley deced in his life time , and in the lifetime of said Abram Doyeller decd did sell to him the said Abram Deyerle decd all the interest that would accrue to him under that clause of his father's will which directed his home tract of land to be sold , for the sum of six hundred dollars which was paid to him by the said Abram Deyerle in his life time , but the said John B. Deyerle decd has not made a conveyance of his interest to the said Abram Dayerle -Now for and in consideration of the premises the said Jane Deyerle widow of the said John B. Deyerle decd Peter Deyerle, Rebecca Deyerle Crockett Deyerle & Mary his wife , Catharine Deyerle widow of Bowman Deyerle decd John Deyerle and Elizabeth his wife , John Chapman and Nancy his wife and Walter Deyerle children and heirs at law of John B. Deyerle decd doth by these presents , give , grant bargain sell , alien and confirm , unto the said Sally Deyerle widow of Abram Deyerle decd Salome Duckwiller wife of Isaac Duckwiler, Eliza Crawford wife of James Crawford, Rebecca Hill wife of James Hill, Sally Deyerle, Thomas Jefferson Deyerle, Alexander Deyerle, Regany Dey erle, Abram Deyerle and Jackson Deyterle children and hirs of Abram Deyerle dec'd all the right title and interest or clam that hath or might in any manner accrue or be coming to them by virtue of the will of Peter Dey erle decd directing his home tract of land to be sold and the money divi ded among his children and whether that interest be land itself or a clam to receive money for which the land may be sold, the same is herby conveyed in as full and as ample a manner as the same is or might or thereafter may be vested in the said Jane Deyerle, widow of John B. Deyerle, Dec'd Peter Deyerle Rebecca Deyerle, Crockett Deyerle and Mary his wife, Catharine Deyerle widow of Bowman Deyerle decd John Deyerle and Elizabeth his wife , John Chapman and Nancy his , wife , and Walter Deyerle children and heirs of John B. Deyerle decd to have and to hold the same , unto the said Sally Deyerle widow of Abram Deyerle Deyerle decd Salome Duckwiler Duckwiler wife of Isaac Duckwiler, Eliza Crawford wife of James Crawford, Rebecca Hill wife of James Hill, Sally Deyerle , Thomas Jefferson Deyerle, Alexander Deyerle, Regany Deyerly, Abram Deyerle and Jackson Deyerle children and heirs of Abram Deyerle decd and their heirs and assigns forever . In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals , the day and year above written .
Jane (her mark) Deyerele

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Peter Deyerle
Rebecca Deyerle
Cambell Deyerle
Mary Deyerle
Catherine M Deyerle
John Deyerle
Elizabeth Deyerle
Pater [F] Chapman
Nancy Chapman

Montgomery county SS
We Joseph King and John Pepper Justices of the peace in the coun ty aforesaid in the sate of Virginia do hereby certify that Peter Deyerle, Crocket Deyerle,

John Deyerly and Walter Deyerle parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 16th day of October 1831 and [hereto named] personally appeared before us in our county afore said and acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and desires us to certify the said acknowledment to the clerk of the county court of Montgomery in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 14th day of October 1831
Joseph King
JPepper

Montgomery County
We Joseph King and John Pepper Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Jane Dyeerly, the widow of John B. Deyele and Elizabeth Deyerly, the wife of John Deyerle, parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 14th day of October 1831 and hereunto annexed, personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to them, they the said Jane Deyerle, Mary Deyerle, Mary Deyerle, Rebecca Deyerle, Catharine Deyerle and Elizabeth Deyerle acknowledged the same to be thier acts and deeds and that they had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same and that they wished not to re tract it. Given under our hands & seals this 14th day of October 1831.
Joseph King
J Pepper

Montgomery County
We Henry Edmundson and John Pepper Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that John S Chapman, party to a certain deed bearing date on the 14th day of October lot and hereto annexed , personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the county court of Montgomery in order that the said deed may be recorded . Given under our hands and seals this 9th day of March 1831 .
Hy Edmundson Ⓟ
JPepper Ⓟ

Montgomery County
We Henry Edmundson and John Pepper Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that John S. Chapman a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 14th day of October 1831 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the county court of Montgomery in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 9th day of March 1831
Hy Edmundson
JPepper

Montgomery County SS
We Henry Edmundson and John Pepper justices of thepeace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginid do hereby certify that Nancy Chapman the wif eof John S Chapman, a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 14th day of October 81 31 and here unto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully ex plained to her she the said Nancy Chapman acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 9th day of March 1833
Hy Edmundson
JPepper

In the Clerk’s office of Montgomery County Court the 1st day of October 1833 .
This deed of bargain and sale from Jane Deyerle widow and and relict of John B. Deyerle decd Peter Deyerle , Rebecca Deyerle , Crockett Deyerle and Mary his wife CatharineDeyerle , widow of Bowman Deyerle dec ‘ d John Deyerle and Elizabeth his wife and John Chapman and Nancy his wife to Sally Deyerle widow of Abram Deyerle decd Salome Duckwiler wife of Isaac Duckwiler , Elizabeth Crawford wife of James Crawford Rebecca Hill wife of James Hill, Thomas J. Deyerle, Alexander Deyerle, Regania Dey erle, Abram Deyerle and Jackson Deyerle, children and heirs of Abram Deyerle deceased, was delivered to me , and with the certificates thereon endorsed admitted to record .
R. D. Montague . C.

This Indenture made the 12th day of October in the year of our Lord 1831 between Jane Doyerle widow of John B. Doyerle decd Peter Doyerle, Rebecca Doyerle, Crockett Doyerle & Mary his wife, Katharine Doyerle widow of Bowman Doyerle decd John Doyerle and Elizabeth his wife, John Chapman and Nancy his wife and Walter Doyerle, children and heirs at Law of John B. Doyerle decd of the one part, and Sally Doyerle, widow of Abram Doyerle decd Salome Duckwiler wife of Isaac Duckwiler, Eliza Crawford wife of James Crawford, Rebecca Hill wife of James Hill, Sally Doyerle, Thomas Jefferson Doyerle, Alexander Doyerle, Regany Doyerle, Abram Doyerle and Jackson Doyerle, children and heirs at law of Abram Doyerle decd who died intestate of any other land, all of Montgomery County and State of Virginia witnesseth: That whereas Peter Doyerle decd by his last will and testament which is duly admitted to record in the county court of Monty county, after devising certain tracts of land to his three sons directed that after the death of his wife the home tract of land should be sold, and the proceeds of the sale were to be divided equally among all his children mentioned in said Will. And whereas the said John B. Doyerle decd was a son of the said Peter Doyerle decd and entitled under his fathers will to a child's share of whatever the said home tract of land, directed to be sold might sell for, which would be one sixth part and whereas the said John B. Doyerle decd in his life time, and in the lifetime of the said Abram Doyerle decd did sell to him the said Abram Doyerle decd all the interest that would accrue to him under that clause of his fathers will, which directs his home tract of land to be sold, for the sum of six hundred dollars which was paid to him by the said Abram Doyerle in his lifetime, but the said John B. Doyerle decd has not made a conveyance of his interest to the said Abram Doyerle —, Now for and in consideration of the premises the said Jane Doyerle widow of the said John B. Doyerle decd Peter Doyerle, Rebecca Doyerle Crockett Doyerle & Mary his wife, Catharine Doyerle widow of Bowman Doyerle decd John Doyerle and Elizabeth his wife, John Chapman and Nancy his wife and Walter Doyerle children and heirs at law of John B. Doyerle decd doth, by these presents, give, grant bargain, sell, alien and confirm unto the said Sally Doyerle widow of Abram Doyerle decd Salome ~~Doyerle~~ Duckwiler wife of Isaac Duckwiler, Eliza Crawford wife of James Crawford, Rebecca Hill wife of James Hill, Sally Doyerle, Thomas Jefferson Doyerle, Alexander Doyerle, Regany Doyerle, Abram Doyerle and Jackson Doyerle children and heirs of Abram Doyerle decd all the right title and interest or claim that hath or might in any manner accrue or be coming to them by virtue of the will of Peter Doyerle decd directing his home tract of land to be sold and the money divided among his children and whether that interest be land itself or a claim to receive money for which the land may be sold, the same is hereby conveyed in as full and as ample a manner as the same is or might or hereafter may be vested in the said Jane Doyerle widow of John B. Doyerle decd Peter Doyerle Rebeca Doyerle, Crockett Doyerle and Mary his wife, Catharine Doyerle widow of Bowman Doyerle decd John Doyerle and Elizabeth his wife, John Chapman and Nancy his wife, and Walter Doyerle children and heirs of John B. Doyerle decd to have and to hold the same unto the said Sally Doyerle widow of Abram Doyerle decd Salome Duckwiler wife of Isaac Duckwiler, Eliza Crawford wife of James Crawford, Rebecca Hill wife of James Hill Sally Doyerle, Thomas Jefferson Doyerle, Alexander Doyerle, Regany Doyerle, Abram Doyerle and Jackson Doyerle children and heirs of Abram Doyerle decd and their heirs and assigns forever. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

Jane Doyerle [seal]

Peter Deyerle
Rebecca Deyerle
Crockett Deyerle
Mary Deyerle
Catharine M. Deyerle
John Deyerle
Elizabeth Deyerle
John B. Chapman
Nancy Chapman

Montgomery county to-wit

We Joseph King and John Pepper Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Peter Deyerle, Crockett Deyerle and Peter Deyerle parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 14th day of October 1831 and here unto annexed, personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Montgomery in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 14th day of October 1831.

Joseph King (Seal)
Pepper (Seal)

Montgomery county to-wit

We Joseph King and John Pepper Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Jane Deyerle the widow of John B. Deyerle dec'd Peter Deyerle the wife of Crockett Deyerle, Rebecca Deyerle, Catharine Deyerle the widow of Bowman Deyerle dec'd and Elizabeth Deyerle the wife of John Deyerle, parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 14th day of October 1831 and hereunto annexed, personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands, and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to them, they the said Jane Deyerle, Mary Deyerle, Rebecca Deyerle, Catharine Deyerle and Elizabeth Deyerle acknowledged the same to be their acts and deeds and declared that they had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same, and that they wished not to retract it. Given under our hands & seals this 14th day of October 1831.

Joseph King (Seal)
Pepper (Seal)

Montgomery county to-wit

We Henry Edmundson and John Pepper Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that John B. Chapman a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 14th day of October 1831 and here unto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the county court of Montgomery in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 9th day of March 1833.

Hy Edmundson (Seal)
Pepper (Seal)

Montgomery County to-wit

We Henry Edmundson and John Pepper Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Nancy Chapman the wife of John B. Chapman, a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 14th day of October 1831 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Nancy Chapman acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 9th day of March 1833.

Hy Edmundson (Seal)
Pepper (Seal)

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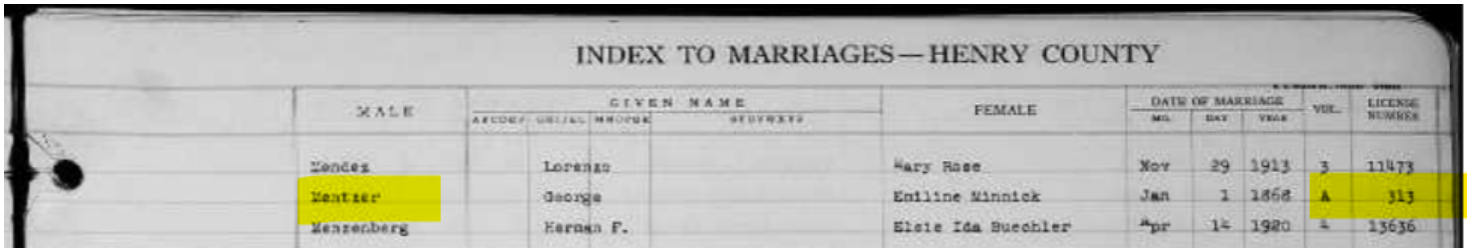
Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 30, 2024
Henry County Illinois,Mentzer

Today's discovery is the marriage license for George Mentzer and Emaline Minnick.

To verify the record, I turned to FamilySearch, which offers extensive access to many such documents. I located George Mentzer in the index for Henry County, Illinois marriage records [film 7731360, image 620]. The actual licenses from Henry County's Book A are available on film #4031862.



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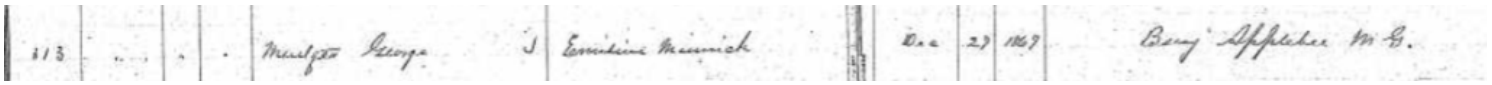
The licenses from Henry County's Book A are available on film #4031862.



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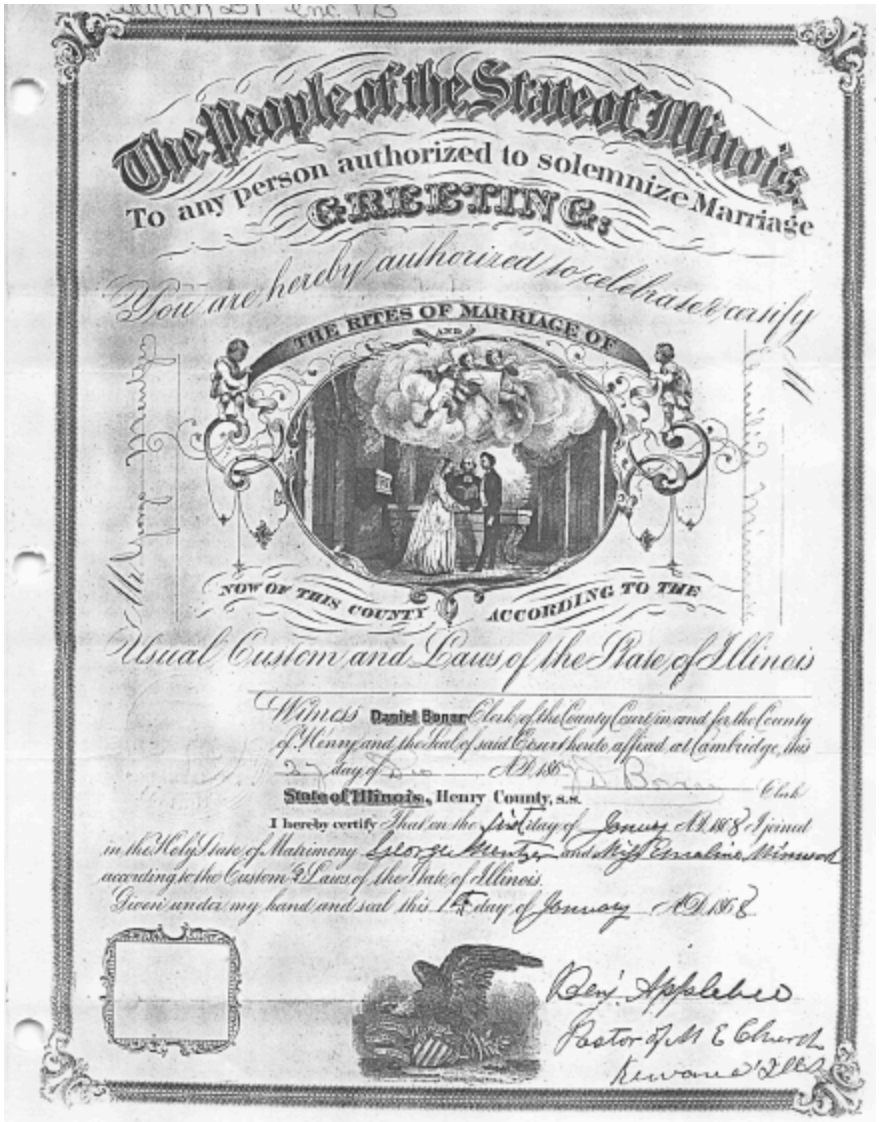
Back in 1983, I used the information from these records to request further details from the county, and I received a copy of the "Return of Marriage" from the county clerk. Interestingly, despite the availability of many records online today, I have yet to find this particular document in any digital format.

> The People of the State of Illinois
> To any person authorized to solemnize Marriage
> Greeting:
> You are hereby authorized to celebrate & certify
> the Rites of Marriage of
> George Mentzer
> Emiline Minnick
> Now of this County Acording to the
> Usual Custom and Laws of the State of Illinois
> Witness Daniel Bonar Clerk of the County Court in and for the County
> of Henry and the Seal of said Court hereto affixed at Cambridge, this
> 27 day of Dec 1868
> J D Bonar Clerk
> State of Illinois, Henry County, S.S.
> I hereby certify that on the first day of January AD 1868 I joined
> in the Holy State of Matrimony George Mentzer and Miss Emaline Minnick
> according to the Custom and Laws of the State of Illinois
> Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of January AD 1868
> Benj Applebee
> Pastor or ME CHurch
> Kewanee Ills



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THE RITES OF MARRIAGE OF

AND

NOW OF THIS COUNTY ACCORDING TO THE

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Witness Daniel Bonar Clerk of the County Court in and for the County of Henry and the Seal of said Court hereto affixed at Cambridge, this 2 day of [illegible] A.D. 186[illegible]

[illegible] Clerk

State of Illinois, Henry County, s.s.

I hereby certify That on the 1st day of January A.D. 1868 I joined in the Holy State of Matrimony George Hunter and Miss Caroline Minnick according to the Custom & Laws of the State of Illinois.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of January A.D. 1868

Rev. Appleby
Pastor of M E Church

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss
COUNTY OF HENRY }

I, DENNIS L. ANDERSON, County Clerk in and for said county, in State aforesaid and keeper of the records and files, thereof as provided by statute, do hereby certify the foregoing to be true, perfect and complete copy of

Return of Marriage

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of said county this day of January 30 1943

Dennis L. Anderson Clerk

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
August 31, 2024
Nemaha County

1941 Military News

START SCHOOL
FOR DEFENSE

AT THE CCC CAMP

Great Demand for Course
Results in Study After
Regular Work

Co. 1797 CCC, Seneca which has long prepared youths so that army life would not be an abrupt step, this week joined the more formal national program for defense schooling by setting up a special defense course in machine shop work.
The first class was held Tuesday night, following approval of the camp's arrangement for the school. Mr. Wilson, state director of vocational education, was at the camp Monday.
The young men who are taking the course are giving directly of their time. They get no time from their regular day's work. Following evening mess, they work at the shop four hours straight, from 5:30 to 9:30, five nights a week. The course will continue approximately 18 weeks.
It is expected by the end of the training that the men will have developed enough proficiency that they will be sought by defense industries. The CCC provides an honorable discharge for employment.
The course was organized for a maximum of 15 men and that number is enrolled. The opportunity was in great demand. Those who were selected for the school are men who have been with the C's longest. For one thing, new men in the C's in this regular corps area have a regular study program to handle without the defense schooling. They are required to take at least four subjects in an orientation process.
Instructor of the defense school is Harold Snyder, SCS mechanic. Supervisor is the camp educational adviser, Mr. Duncan. The Seneca school acts as nominal sponsor.
The camp here rates as the first in the state to have a project of its kind. Neodesha camp has a comparable opportunity, b[1]ut more in connection with the school system. The camp at Burlington has its own set-up, but the course is in radio.

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1. Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 17 April 1941, page 1. ↩